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## NCDB Benchmark Reports

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The National Cancer Data Base (NCDB) Benchmark Reports are available for public use and display aggregated data from cancer programs participating in the Commission on Cancer (CoC) NCDB Annual Call for Data. *No facility specific data are available through the Public Access NCDB Benchmark Reports.*

1. Point your browser to the Commission on Cancer web page at <http://www.facs.org/cancer/index.html>. Scroll to the bottom of the page and you will see a section titled "Public Resources." Click on the link for the NCDB Benchmark Reports. This will take you to the interactive NCDB Benchmark Reports web tool.
2. Once you are on the page, you will notice selection criteria in the center of the screen. Along the left hand side is a help menu which defines all selection criteria.

Data are available for diagnosis years 2000 through 2009. These data are updated annually. Eleven disease sites are available for analysis. Aggregated data are available for the nation, American Cancer Society regions and individual states. You may also choose to view data by hospital category such as teaching/research hospitals, community cancers centers, comprehensive community cancer centers and other types of facilities. To maintain confidentiality, the web tool will suppress comparisons when there are less than five facilities in the aggregate.

3. Try this simple test query:  
Diagnosis Year → 2009  
Select the cancer site of interest → Breast  
Geography → ACS Division; then select Eastern  
Analysis Variable 1 → Surgical Procedure  
Analysis Variable 2 → Stage (Leave Analysis Variable 3 blank)  
Hospital Type → Comprehensive Community Cancer Center  
Type of Report → Tables or Charts → Charts, then select Pie Chart  
Scroll to the bottom and click Submit
4. You will see several pie charts displaying stage by surgical procedure for breast cancer patients diagnosed in the year 2009 at Comprehensive Community Cancer Centers in the Eastern Division of the American Cancer Society.

To copy these charts to a MS Word or PowerPoint document, simply right-click your mouse over the image, and select Copy. Go to your MS Word or PowerPoint document, right click your mouse and select Paste. To copy a *table* to a MS Word or PowerPoint document, highlight the contents of the table, right-click your mouse over the image, and select Copy. Go to your MS Word or PowerPoint document, right click your mouse and select Paste.

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