## Descriptive Epidemiology

### Stage at Diagnosis:
Cancer in the uterus is treated surgically. Staging for these diseases is done following surgery, unless it is obvious that the disease has progressed and advanced. Cases with obvious advanced disease do not benefit from surgical procedures and are staged by physical examination. These cases are treated without operative staging. In South Dakota, during 2013, 73% of corpus uteri cases were diagnosed at localized stage. Thirteen cases were diagnosed at distant stage, more than in 2012.

### Incidence:
The uterine cervix is the small cylindrical neck that leads from the uterus, or womb, into the vagina. A knob of the cervix protrudes into the vagina and can be visualized on physical examination. It is lined with epithelial and stromal cells creating a site for epithelial, stromal and mixed cell malignancies. Endometrial carcinoma is one of the female genital cancers. It is ranked fourth among females reported with cancer in South Dakota in 2013. Cancer of the corpus uteri represented 6.7% of all of the cancers diagnosed in South Dakota females in 2013. Endometrial cancer affects primarily postmenopausal women. The median age at diagnosis in the United States is 65. In South Dakota, the median age is 62 years of age.

### Mortality:
The death rate in South Dakota for the reporting period was 2.6 for deaths attributed to uterine cancer. In the United States, the 2011 rate was 4.6. Only 17 South Dakota female deaths were attributed to cancer of the uterus in 2013. The stage of disease at diagnosis affects the mortality rate. Overall (all stages included), the five-year relative survival rate was 81.7% in the United States.

### Risk and Associated Factors:
Risk factors associated with corpus uteri cancer suggest that exposure to estrogen for long periods of time play a critical role. The use of exogenous estrogen replacement therapy accounted for a dramatic rise in the incidence of endometrial cancer in the United States in the 1970s. The use of combination estrogen-progesterone oral contraceptive pills confers protection against endometrial hyperplasia and subsequent development of cancer.

### Prevention and Early Detection:
Other factors associated with an increased risk of developing uterine cancer include obesity, a high-fat diet and a prolonged exposure to the female hormone, estrogen. One pregnancy appears to lower the risk of uterine cancer by 50%.

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### Table 16: Corpus and Uterus, NOS Incidence and Mortality Summary, 2013

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**Rates per 100,000 age-adjusted to 2000 US standard population and 2013 SD estimated population.**


Source: South Dakota Department of Health
In South Dakota, in 2013 the incidence peaked in the 60-64 age group.

The incidence peak for female corpus and uterus, NOS cancer was in 2013.

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