

# CANCER AND WOMEN'S HEALTH

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## SECTION II: CANCER AND WOMEN'S HEALTH

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### A. OVERVIEW

This session presented:

1. An overview of the national cancer burden with emphasis on current cancer prevention and control strategies.
2. An overview of cancer morbidity and mortality patterns in Arab countries, which draws from existing cancer databases and population-based registries.
3. A status report on cancer epidemiology and cancer screening practices in immigrant populations of Arab descent highlighting cancers that disproportionately affect Arab-American women.
4. A selection of special studies that were conducted either in Arab countries or in the United States. Some studies addressed specific cancer sites and related risk factors, patterns of incidence of these cancers, and related screening behaviors.
5. A discussion of gaps in cancer surveillance data. These gaps pose a challenge in understanding patterns of disease that are unique to Arab Americans as an ethnic entity.
6. Summary. (*Ethn Dis.* 2005;15[suppl 1]:S1-1–S1-17)