

many cancer patients visited the emergency room more often around the time of their cancer diagnosis compared to a group of patients who were cancer-free, this varied by the type of cancer. Lung cancer patients visited the ER about 10 times more than the cancer-free group during diagnosis, while breast cancer patients had increased visits that were only 4 times higher.

“Overall, linking the Cancer Registry data to the MCHP Repository means we can answer more complex questions about cancer patients and healthcare in our province. This data linkage will help researchers, healthcare providers, and policy makers in Manitoba, and ultimately, this will mean improved care for cancer patients,” says Dr. Lix.

The full report: *Cancer Data Linkage in Manitoba: Expanding the Infrastructure for Research* can be downloaded from the MCHP website at: umanitoba.ca/medicine/units/mchp

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