Chronic lymphocytic leukemia

Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) is one of the most common blood cancers.

Cancerous B-lymphocytes become malignant during their development in the bone marrow and then enter the bloodstream.

Staging of chronic lymphocytic leukemia

The course of therapy recommended by a physician will depend on the staging of the cancer.

- **Stage 0**: Too many lymphocytes
- **Stage I**: Lymph nodes larger than usual
- **Stage II**: Liver or spleen larger than usual
- **Stage III**: Too few red blood cells
- **Stage IV**: Too few platelets

Comparing chronic lymphocytic leukemia incidence and mortality in males and females

Incidence and mortality are consistently higher in males than in females.

2008
- Male incidence: 154,978
- Male mortality: 113,606
- Female incidence: 143,555
- Female mortality: 195,456

2010
- Male incidence: 160,811
- Male mortality: 117,982
- Female incidence: 149,326
- Female mortality: 203,105

2015
- Male incidence: 176,371
- Male mortality: 129,683
- Female incidence: 164,826
- Female mortality: 223,689