

**Table 3.** Underlying illnesses of 246 patients who died during 1998-2005 after ingesting a lethal dose of medication, compared with 74,967 Oregonians dying from the same underlying diseases.

<b>Underlying illnesses</b>	<b>PAS patients 1998-2005 (N = 246)</b>	<b>Oregon deaths, same diseases (N =74,967)</b>	<b>DWDA deaths per 10,000 Oregon deaths</b>	<b>Rate ratio (95% CI)*</b>
<b>Malignant neoplasms (%)</b>	196 (80)	49,117 (66)	39.9	4.6 (2.5-8.4)+
Lung and bronchus (%)	48 (20)	16,160 (22)	29.7	3.4 (1.8-6.6)+
Breast (%)	23 (9)	4,102 (5)	56.1	6.4 (3.1-13.2)+
Pancreas (%)	20 (8)	2,989 (4)	66.9	7.7 (3.7-16.0)+
Colon (%)	16 (7)	4,263 (6)	37.5	4.3 (2.0-9.3)+
Prostate (%)	13 (5)	3,491 (5)	37.2	4.3 (1.9-9.5)++
Ovary (%)	12 (5)	1,608 (2)	74.6	8.6 (3.5-21.5)++
Skin (%)	9 (4)	789 (1)	114.1	13.1 (4.8-35.1)++
Other (%)	55 (22)	15,715 (21)	35.0	4.0 (2.1-7.6)+
<b>Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (%)</b>	20 (8)	742 (1)	269.5	31.0 (14.4-73.5)++
<b>Chronic lower respiratory dis. (%)</b>	11 (4)	12,596 (17)	8.7	1.0
<b>HIV/AIDS (%)</b>	5 (2)	229 (<1)	218.3	25.1 (6.9-80.4)++
<b>Illnesses listed below (%)#</b>	14 (6)	12,283 (16)	11.4	1.3 (0.6-2.9)

\* Confidence interval.

# Includes amyloidosis of the kidney, aortic stenosis, cardiomyopathy, congestive heart failure, diabetes mellitus with renal complications, digestive organ neoplasm of unknown behavior, emphysema, hepatitis C, myelodysplastic syndrome, pulmonary disease with fibrosis, scleroderma, and Shy-Drager syndrome.

+ The ratio is statistically significant according to the chi-square test.

++ The ratio is statistically significant according to Fisher's exact test.