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List of classifications by cancer sites with *sufficient* or *limited evidence* in humans, *IARC Monographs* Volumes 1–135<sup>a</sup>

Cancer site	Carcinogenic agents with sufficient evidence in humans	Agents with <i>limited evidence</i> in humans
Lip, oral cavity, and phary	nx	
Lip		Hydrochlorothiazide Solar radiation
Oral cavity	Acetaldehyde associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages Alcoholic beverages Betel quid with tobacco Betel quid without tobacco Human papillomavirus type 16 Tobacco, smokeless Tobacco smoking	Bitumens, occupational exposure to hard bitumens and their emissions during mastic asphalt work  Bitumens, occupational exposure to oxidized bitumens and their emissions during roofing  Human papillomavirus type 18
Salivary gland	Acetaldehyde associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages  X- and Gamma-radiation	Radioiodines, including iodine-131
Pharynx: oropharynx b	Human papillomavirus type 16	
Pharynx: tonsil b	Human papillomavirus type 16	
Pharynx: nasopharynx <sup>b</sup>	Epstein-Barr virus Formaldehyde Salted fish, Chinese-style Wood dust	Pickled vegetables (traditional Asian)
Pharynx: all combined	Acetaldehyde associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages Alcoholic beverages Betel quid with tobacco Tobacco smoking	Asbestos (all forms)  Bitumens, occupational exposure to hard bitumens and their emissions during mastic asphalt work  Bitumens, occupational exposure to oxidized bitumens and their emissions during roofing  Opium consumption  Tobacco smoke, secondhand

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Digestive organs		I.
Oesophagus	Acetaldehyde associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages Alcoholic beverages Betel quid with tobacco Betel quid without tobacco Tobacco, smokeless Tobacco smoking X- and Gamma-radiation	Bitumens, occupational exposure to hard bitumens and their emissions during mastic asphalt work  Bitumens, occupational exposure to oxidized bitumens and their emissions during roofing  Dry cleaning  Opium consumption  Pickled vegetables (traditional Asian)  Rubber manufacturing industry
		Very hot beverages (squamous cell carcinoma)
Stomach	Helicobacter pylori (infection with) Rubber manufacturing industry Tobacco smoking X- and Gamma-radiation	Art glass, glass containers and pressed ware (manufacture of) Asbestos (all forms) Epstein–Barr virus Lead compounds, inorganic Nitrate or nitrite (ingested) under conditions that result in endogenous nitrosation Opium consumption Pickled vegetables (traditional Asian) Processed meat (consumption of) Salted fish, Chinese-style
Colon	Alcoholic beverages Processed meat (consumption of) Tobacco smoking X- and Gamma-radiation	Asbestos (all forms) Firefighter (occupational exposure as a) Night shift work Red meat (consumption of) Schistosoma japonicum (infection with)

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Rectum	Alcoholic beverages Processed meat (consumption of) Tobacco smoking	Asbestos (all forms) Night shift work Red meat (consumption of) Schistosoma japonicum (infection with) X- and Gamma-radiation
Anus	Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with) Human papillomavirus type 16	Human papillomavirus types 18 and 33
Liver	Aflatoxins Alcoholic beverages Estrogen—progestogen oral contraceptives (combined) Hepatitis B virus (chronic infection with) Hepatitis C virus (chronic infection with) Plutonium Thorium-232 and its decay products Tobacco smoking (in smokers and in smokers' children) Vinyl chloride	Androgenic (anabolic) steroids Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds Aspartame (hepatocellular carcinoma) Betel quid without tobacco DDT (4,4'-dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane) Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with) Schistosoma japonicum (infection with) Trichloroethylene X- and Gamma-radiation
Bile duct	Clonorchis sinensis (infection with) 1,2-Dichloropropane Opisthorchis viverrini (infection with) Plutonium Thorium-232 and its decay products Tobacco smoking (in smokers)	Androgenic (anabolic) steroids Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds Betel quid without tobacco DDT (4,4'-dichlorodiphenyl- trichloroethane) Dichloromethane (methylene chloride) Hepatitis B virus (chronic infection with) Hepatitis C virus (chronic infection with) Schistosoma japonicum (infection with) Trichloroethylene X- and Gamma-radiation

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Gall bladder	Thorium-232 and its decay products	
Pancreas	Tobacco, smokeless Tobacco smoking	Alcoholic beverages Opium consumption Red meat (consumption of) Thorium-232 and its decay products X- and Gamma-radiation
Digestive tract, unspecified		Radioiodines, including iodine-131
Respiratory and intrathoracic	organs	
Nasal cavity and paranasal sinus	Isopropyl alcohol manufacture using strong acids Leather dust Nickel compounds Radium-226 and its decay products Radium-228 and its decay products Tobacco smoking Wood dust	Carpentry and joinery Chromium(VI) compounds Formaldehyde Textile manufacturing industry (work in)
Larynx	Acetaldehyde associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages Acid mists, strong inorganic Alcoholic beverages Asbestos (all forms) Opium consumption Tobacco smoking	Bitumens, occupational exposure to hard bitumens and their emissions during mastic asphalt work  Bitumens, occupational exposure to oxidized bitumens and their emissions during roofing  Human papillomavirus types 16 and 18  Rubber manufacturing industry  Sulfur mustard  Tobacco smoke, secondhand
Lung	Acheson process, occupational exposure associated with Aluminium production Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds Asbestos (all forms) Beryllium and beryllium compounds Bis(chloromethyl)ether; chloromethyl methyl ether (technical grade)	Acid mists, strong inorganic Art glass, glass containers and pressed ware (manufacture of) Benzene Biomass fuel (primarily wood), indoor emissions from household combustion of Bitumens, occupational exposure to hard bitumens and their

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	Cadmium and cadmium compounds	emissions during mastic
	Chromium(VI) compounds	asphalt work
	Coal, indoor emissions from household combustion Coal gasification Coal-tar pitch Coke production Engine exhaust, diesel Haematite mining (underground) Iron and steel founding (occupational exposure during) MOPP and other combined chemotherapy including alkylating agents Nickel compounds Opium consumption Outdoor air pollution Outdoor air pollution, particulate matter in Painter (occupational exposure as a) Plutonium Radon-222 and its decay products Rubber manufacturing industry Silica dust, crystalline, in the form of quartz or cristobalite Soot (as found in occupational exposure of chimney sweeps) Sulfur mustard	Bitumens, occupational exposure to oxidized bitumens and their emissions during roofing Carbon electrode manufacture alpha-Chlorinated toluenes (benzal chloride, benzotrichloride, benzotrichloride, benzoyl chloride (combined exposures) Cobalt metal with tungsten carbide Creosotes Diazinon Frying, emissions from high-temperature Hydrazine Non-arsenical insecticides (occupational exposures in spraying and application of) Printing processes (occupational exposures in) Silicon carbide, fibrous 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-paradioxin Trivalent antimony Uranium, mixture of isotopes
	Tobacco smoke, secondhand	
	Tobacco smoking	
	Welding fumes	
	X- and Gamma-radiation	
Upper aerodigestive tract		
Upper aerodigestive tract (oral cavity, pharynx, larynx, oesophagus)	Acetaldehyde associated with consumption of alcoholic beverages	Bitumens, occupational exposure to hard bitumens and their emissions during mastic
	Alcoholic beverages	asphalt work
	Tobacco smoking	Bitumens, occupational exposure to oxidized bitumens and their emissions during roofing

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Bone	<u> </u>	
Bone	Plutonium Radium-224 and its decay products Radium-226 and its decay products Radium-228 and its decay products X- and Gamma-radiation	Radioiodines, including iodine-131
Skin		<u> </u>
Skin (melanoma)	Polychlorinated biphenyls Solar radiation Ultraviolet-emitting tanning devices	Firefighter (occupational exposure as a) Petroleum refining (occupational exposures in)
Skin (malignant non-melanoma)	Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds  Azathioprine  Coal-tar distillation  Cyclosporine  Methoxsalen (8-methoxypsoralen) plus ultraviolet A radiation  Mineral oils, untreated or mildly treated  Shale oils  Solar radiation  Soot (as found in occupational exposure of chimney sweeps)  X- and Gamma-radiation	Creosotes Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with) Human papillomavirus types 5 and 8 (in patients with epidermodysplasia verruciformis) Hydrochlorothiazide Merkel cell polyomavirus (MCV) Nitrogen mustard Petroleum refining (occupational exposures in) Ultraviolet-emitting tanning devices
Mesothelium, endothelium, and	soft tissue	
Mesothelium (pleura, peritoneum, and other)	Asbestos (all forms) Erionite Firefighter (occupational exposure as a) Fluoro-edenite fibrous amphibole Painter (occupational exposure as a)	
Endothelium (Kaposi sarcoma)	Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with) Kaposi sarcoma herpesvirus	

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Soft tissue		Polychlorophenols and their sodium salts (combined exposures)
		Radioiodines, including iodine-131 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo- <i>para</i> dioxin
Breast		
Breast	Alcoholic beverages Diethylstilbestrol Estrogen–progestogen oral contraceptives (combined) Estrogen–progestogen menopausal therapy (combined) X- and Gamma-radiation	Dieldrin, and aldrin metabolized to dieldrin Digoxin Estrogen therapy, postmenopausal Ethylene oxide Night shift work Polychlorinated biphenyls Tobacco smoking
Female genital organs		
Vulva	Human papillomavirus type 16	Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with) Human papillomavirus types 18, and 33
Vagina	Diethylstilbestrol (exposure in utero) Human papillomavirus type 16	Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with)
Uterine cervix	Diethylstilbestrol (exposure in utero) Estrogen–progestogen oral contraceptives (combined) Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with) Human papillomavirus types 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, and 59 Tobacco smoking	Human papillomavirus types 26, 53, 66, 67, 68, 70, 73, and 82
Endometrium	Estrogen therapy, postmenopausal Estrogen–progestogen menopausal therapy (combined) Tamoxifen	Diethylstilbestrol
Ovary	Asbestos (all forms) Estrogen therapy, postmenopausal	Talc-based body powder (perineal use of)

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	Tobacco smoking	X- and Gamma-radiation
Male genital organs		
Penis	Human papillomavirus type 16	Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with)
		Human papillomavirus type 18
Prostate		Androgenic (anabolic) steroids
		Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds
		Cadmium and cadmium compounds
		Firefighter (occupational exposure as a)
		Malathion
		Night shift work
		Red meat (consumption of)
		Rubber manufacturing industry
		Thorium-232 and its decay products
		X- and Gamma-radiation
Testis		DDT (4,4'-dichlorodiphenyl- trichloroethane)
		Diethylstilbestrol (exposure in utero)
		N,N-Dimethylformamide
		Firefighter (occupational exposure as a)
		Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)

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Urinary tract		
Kidney	Tobacco smoking Trichloroethylene X- and Gamma-radiation	Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds Cadmium and cadmium compounds Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (renal cell carcinoma) Welding fumes
Renal pelvis and ureter	Aristolochic acid, plants containing Phenacetin Phenacetin, analgesic mixtures containing Tobacco smoking	Aristolochic acid
Urinary bladder	Aluminium production 4-Aminobiphenyl Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds Auramine production Benzidine Chlornaphazine Cyclophosphamide Firefighter (occupational exposure as a) Magenta production 2-Naphthylamine Opium consumption Painter (occupational exposure as a) Rubber manufacturing industry Schistosoma haematobium (infection with) Tobacco smoking ortho-Toluidine X- and Gamma-radiation	4-Chloro-ortho-toluidine Coal-tar pitch Dry cleaning (occupational exposures in) Engine exhaust, diesel Hairdresser or barber (occupational exposure as a) 2-Mercaptobenzothiazole Outdoor air pollution Pioglitazone Printing processes (occupational exposures in) Soot (as found in occupational exposure of chimney sweeps) Tetrachloroethylene (Perchloroethylene) Textile manufacturing industry (work in)

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Eye, brain, and central nervous system		
Eye	Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with) Ultraviolet emissions from welding Ultraviolet-emitting tanning devices	Solar radiation
Brain and central nervous system	X- and Gamma-radiation	Radiofrequency electromagnetic fields (glioma and acoustic neuroma)
Endocrine glands		
Thyroid	Radioiodines, including iodine-131 X- and Gamma-radiation	
Lymphoid, haematopoietic, and	I related tissues <sup>c</sup>	
Childhood leukaemia		
Childhood acute lymphocytic leukaemia <sup>d</sup>		Tobacco smoking (parental)
Childhood acute myeloid leukaemia <sup>d</sup>		Benzene Teniposide Tobacco smoking (parental)
Childhood leukaemia: all combined	Fission products, including strontium- 90 Thorium-232 and its decay products X- and Gamma-radiation	Chloramphenicol Magnetic fields, extremely low- frequency Painter (maternal occupational exposure as a) Radioiodines, including iodine-131 Tobacco smoking (parental exposure)

Cancer site  Carcinogenic agents with  Agents with limited evidence.		
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Lymphoid, haematopoietic, ar	nd related tissues (contd) <sup>c</sup>	
Leukaemia		
Acute myeloid leukaemia e	Benzene Busulfan	Bischloroethyl nitrosourea (BCNU) Etoposide
	Chlorambucil	Mitoxantrone
	Cyclophosphamide  Etoposide in combination with cisplatin and bleomycin	Teniposide
	Formaldehyde	
	Melphalan  MOPP and other combined  chemotherapy including  alkylating agents	
	Phosphorus-32, as phosphorus Semustine [1-(2-Chloroethyl)-3-(4- methylcyclohexyl)-1-nitrosourea, Methyl-CCNU]	
	Thorium-232 and its decay products	
	Tobacco smoking	
	Treosulfan	
	X- and Gamma-radiation	
Other acute non-lymphocytic leukaemia <sup>e</sup>	Benzene Formaldehyde Phosphorus-32, as phosphorus Thorium-232 and its decay products X- and Gamma-radiation	Bischloroethyl nitrosourea (BCNU)
Chronic myeloid leukaemia <sup>e</sup>	Formaldehyde Thorium-232 and its decay products Tobacco smoking X- and Gamma-radiation	Benzene
Acute lymphocytic leukaemia <sup>e</sup>	Phosphorus-32, as phosphorus Thorium-232 and its decay products X- and Gamma-radiation	
Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia <sup>e</sup>		Benzene Ethylene oxide

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Adult T-cell leukaemia/lymphoma (ATLL) <sup>e</sup>	Human T-cell lymphotropic virus type 1 Thorium-232 and its decay products X- and Gamma-radiation	
Leukaemia: all combined	1,3-Butadiene Fission products, including strontium-90 Rubber manufacturing industry Thiotepa	Chloramphenicol Diazinon Nitrogen mustard Petroleum refining (occupational exposures in) Radioiodines, including iodine-131 Radon-222 and its decay products Styrene
Lymphoma		
Hodgkin lymphoma <sup>f</sup>	Epstein–Barr virus Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with)	
Primary effusion lymphoma <sup>f</sup>	Kaposi sarcoma herpesvirus	
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma: immunosuppression-related lymphoma <sup>f, g</sup>	Epstein-Barr virus	
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma: Burkitt lymphoma <sup>f, g</sup>	Epstein-Barr virus	Malaria (caused by infection with Plasmodium falciparum in holoendemic areas)
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma: extranodal NK/T-cell lymphoma (nasal type) <sup>f, g</sup>	Epstein-Barr virus	
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma: low-grade B-cell mucosa associated lymphoid tissue (MALT) gastric lymphoma <sup>f, g</sup>	Helicobacter pylori (infection with)	
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma: all combined <sup>f</sup>	Azathioprine Cyclosporine Hepatitis C virus (chronic infection with) Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with) Lindane Pentachlorophenol	Benzene Chlorophenoxy herbicides DDT (4,4'-dichlorodiphenyl- trichloroethane) Diazinon Dichloromethane (methylene chloride) Ethylene oxide

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		Firefighter (occupational exposure as a)
		Glyphosate
		Hepatitis B virus (chronic infection with)
		Malathion
		Polychlorinated biphenyls
		Polychlorophenols and their sodium salts (mixed exposures)
		2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo- <i>para</i> -dioxin
		Trichloroethylene
		X- and Gamma-radiation
Multicentric Castleman disease f		Kaposi sarcoma herpesvirus
Lymphoma: all combined	1,3-Butadiene	Styrene
	Rubber manufacturing industry	
Multiple myeloma		
Multiple myeloma	1,3-Butadiene	Benzene
	Pentachlorophenol	Ethylene oxide
		Styrene
		1,1,1-Trichloroethane
		X- and Gamma-radiation
Multiple or unspecified sites		
Lymphoepithelioma-like carcinoma (LELC)		Epstein-Barr virus
Multiple sites (unspecified)	Cyclosporine	Chlorophenoxy herbicides
	Fission products, including strontium-90	
	X- and Gamma-radiation (exposure in utero)	
All cancer sites (combined)	2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo- <i>para</i> -dioxin	

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#### **Footnotes**

- <sup>a</sup> This table does not include factors not covered in the *IARC Monographs*, notably genetic traits, reproductive status, and some nutritional factors.
- <sup>b</sup> See also Pharynx: all combined
- <sup>c</sup> For historical purposes, chronic lymphocytic leukaemia (CLL) has been included with leukaemias rather than as CLL/small lymphocytic lymphoma with non-Hodgkin lymphomas.
- <sup>d</sup> See also Childhood leukaemia: all combined
- e See also Leukaemia: all combined
- f See also Lymphoma: all combined
- g See also non-Hodgkin lymphoma: all combined

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http://jnci.oxfordjournals.org/content/early/2011/12/11/jnci.djr483.short?rss=1, and supplemented with new information for more recent *IARC Monographs* evaluations and a more complete description of the evidence for cancers of lymphoid, haematopoietic, and related tissues.

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