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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		
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 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 Acrylonitrile Aluminium production Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds Asbestos (all forms) Beryllium and beryllium compounds Bis(chloromethyl)ether; chloromethyl	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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	methyl ether (technical grade)	emissions during mastic
	Cadmium and cadmium compounds	asphalt work
	Chromium(VI) compounds Coal, indoor emissions from	Bitumens, occupational exposure to oxidized bitumens and their emissions during roofing
	household combustion	Carbon electrode manufacture
	Coal gasification	alpha-Chlorinated toluenes
	Coal-tar pitch	(benzal chloride,
	Coke production	benzotrichloride, benzyl
	Engine exhaust, diesel	chloride) and benzoyl chloride
	Haematite mining (underground)	(combined exposures)
	Iron and steel founding (occupational exposure during)	Cobalt metal with tungsten carbide
	MOPP and other combined	Creosotes
	chemotherapy including	Diazinon
	alkylating agents	Frying, emissions from high-
	Nickel compounds	temperature
	Opium consumption	Hydrazine
	Outdoor air pollution	Non-arsenical insecticides
	Outdoor air pollution, particulate matter in	(occupational exposures in spraying and application of)
	Painter (occupational exposure as a) Plutonium	Printing processes (occupational exposures in)
		Silicon carbide, fibrous
	Radon-222 and its decay products	2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-para-
	Rubber manufacturing industry Silica dust, crystalline, in the form of	dioxin
	quartz or cristobalite	Trivalent antimony
	Soot (as found in occupational exposure of chimney sweeps)	Uranium, mixture of isotopes
	Sulfur mustard	
	Tobacco smoke, secondhand	
	Tobacco smoking	
	Welding fumes	
	X- and Gamma-radiation	
Upper aerodigestive tract		1
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 asphalt work
	Alcoholic beverages	Bitumens, occupational exposure
	Tobacco smoking	to oxidized bitumens and thei

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		emissions during roofing
Bone		
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		
Skin (melanoma)	Polychlorinated biphenyls Solar radiation Ultraviolet-emitting tanning devices	Firefighter (occupational exposure as a) Hydrochlorothiazide Petroleum refining (occupational exposures in)
Skin (malignant non-melanoma)	Arsenic and inorganic arsenic compounds Azathioprine (SCC) Coal-tar distillation Ciclosporin (SCC) Hydrochlorothiazide (SCC) Methoxsalen (8-methoxypsoralen) plus ultraviolet A radiation (SCC) Mineral oils, untreated or mildly treated Shale oils Solar radiation (SCC and BCC) Soot (as found in occupational exposure of chimney sweeps) Voriconazole (SCC) X- and Gamma-radiation (BCC)	Creosotes Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with) Human papillomavirus types 5 and 8 (in patients with epidermodysplasia verruciformis) (SCC) Hydrochlorothiazide (BCC, Merkel cell carcinoma, malignant adnexal skin tumours) Merkel cell polyomavirus (Merkel cell carcinoma) Nitrogen mustard (SCC) Petroleum refining (occupational exposures in) Tacrolimus (SCC) Ultraviolet-emitting tanning devices (SCC)
Mesothelium, endothelium, an		T
Mesothelium (pleura, peritoneum, and other)	Asbestos (all forms) Erionite Firefighter (occupational exposure as a) Fluoro-edenite fibrous amphibole Painter (occupational exposure as a)	

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Endothelium (Kaposi sarcoma)	Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with)	
	Kaposi sarcoma herpesvirus	
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)	Diethylstilbestrol

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	Tamoxifen	
Ovary	Asbestos (all forms) Estrogen therapy, postmenopausal	Talc X- and Gamma-radiation
	Tobacco smoking	A and Canina 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	Acrylonitrile 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)	Solar radiation
	Ultraviolet emissions from welding	
	Ultraviolet-emitting tanning devices	
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	related tissues <sup>c</sup>	
Childhood leukaemia		
Childhood acute lymphocytic leukaemia <sup>d</sup>		Tobacco smoking (parental)
Childhood acute myeloid		Benzene
leukaemia <sup>d</sup>		Teniposide
		Tobacco smoking (parental)
Childhood leukaemia: all combined	Fission products, including strontium-	Chloramphenicol
	Thorium-232 and its decay products	Magnetic fields, extremely low- frequency
	X- and Gamma-radiation	Painter (maternal occupational exposure as a)
		Radioiodines, including iodine-131
		Tobacco smoking (parental exposure)

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Lymphoid, haematopoietic, an	d related tissues (contd) <sup>c</sup>	
Leukaemia		
Acute myeloid leukaemia e	Benzene Busulfan Chlorambucil Cyclophosphamide Etoposide in combination with cisplatin and bleomycin 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	Bischloroethyl nitrosourea (BCNU) Etoposide Mitoxantrone Teniposide
Other acute non-lymphocytic leukaemia <sup>e</sup>	X- and Gamma-radiation  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 e		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 Tacrolimus
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 (including post- transplant lymphoproliferative disorder)	Epstein–Barr virus Tacrolimus	
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 Ciclosporin Hepatitis C virus (chronic infection with) Human immunodeficiency virus type 1 (infection with)	Benzene Chlorophenoxy herbicides DDT (4,4'-dichlorodiphenyl- trichloroethane) Diazinon Dichloromethane (methylene

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	Lindane	chloride)
	Pentachlorophenol	Ethylene oxide
	Tacrolimus	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)	Ciclosporin	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	

List of classifications by cancer sites with <i>sufficient</i> or <i>limited evidence</i> in humans, <i>IARC Monographs</i> Volumes 1–137 <sup>a</sup>			
Cancer site	Carcinogenic agents with sufficient evidence in humans	Agents with <i>limited evidence</i> in humans	

#### **Abbreviations**

BCC, basal cell carcinoma; SCC, squamous cell carcinoma.

#### **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 has been included with leukaemias rather than as chronic lymphocytic leukaemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma with non-Hodgkin lymphomas.
- <sup>d</sup> See also Childhood leukaemia: all combined.
- e See also Leukaemia: all combined.
- <sup>f</sup> See also Lymphoma: all combined.
- <sup>g</sup> See also Non-Hodgkin lymphoma: all combined.
- h The agent "Talc" includes talc containing asbestiform fibres other than asbestos, and talc not containing asbestiform fibres. For talc containing asbestos, see "Asbestos."

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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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