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The fifth edition of *Cancer DRGs*, a monograph on 66 cancer and cancer-related DRGs (Diagnosis Related Groups), has been published by the ACCC. A total of 118 hospitals submitted data on more than 52,000 cancer-related discharges during a 12-month period.

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Cancer DRGs contains data analyses on discharges, charges, reimbursements, costs, and profit/loss for the participating institutions. The monograph also provides information on the top five "winners" and "losers"—the DRGs with the largest mean profit/loss per discharge.

Profit/loss differences by region of the country are also provided for each of the top 15 DRGs. For instance, the widest variation was reported for DRG 400 (lymphoma or leukemia w/major O.R. procedure): an average discharge profit of \$752 in the Northeast vs. an average discharge loss of \$2,207 in the Southwest.

An analysis of profit/loss differences by hospital bedsize for the top 15 DRGs revealed that hospitals with fewer than 300 beds show an average per discharge profit of \$1,292 for DRG 400, vs. an average per discharge loss of \$1,218 for hospitals with more than 500 beds.

Comparative Data

Comparative analyses are presented for 40 hospitals that reported data in both the 1989-1990 and 1990-1991 editions of *Cancer DRGs*. The report examines mean institutional variations in profit/loss, profit/loss per DRG, as well as discharges, charges, reimbursements, and costs.

The fifth edition of *Cancer DRGs* provides information on the methodology employed for the analyses, and it contains worksheets which allow readers to calculate the same averages for their institutions for comparison to the averages presented in this monograph.

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