

Rural Cancer Care

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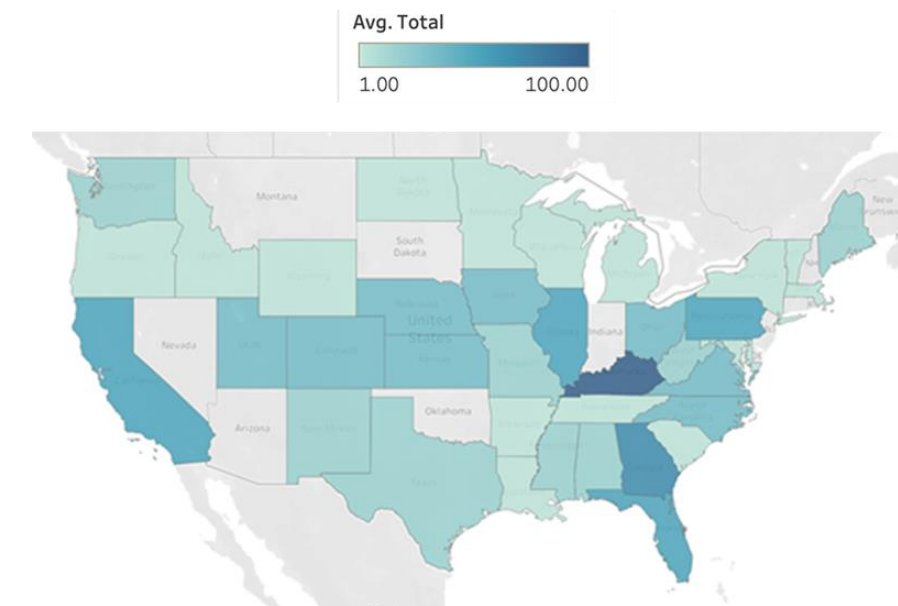
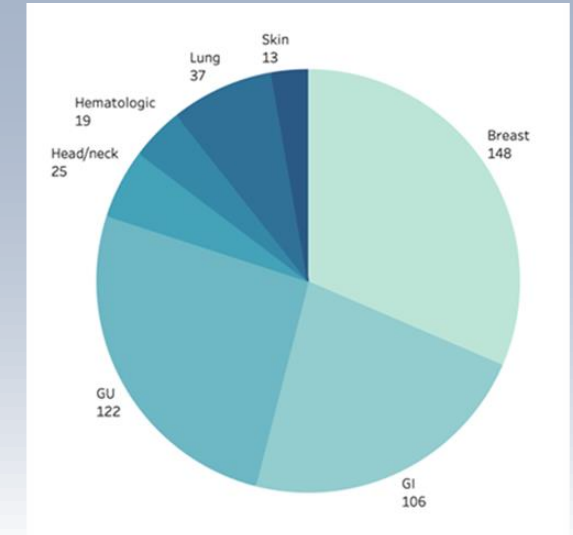
Rural Cancer Care: A Literature Review

- **Objective:**

- To review medical literature on rural health cancer care delivery over the past 20 years (1/1/2000 - 1/1/2020) using PubMed MeSH Terms

- **Conclusions:**

- Most research in the USA comes from Appalachia
- Majority of articles only focus on cancers we can screen for (breast, cervical, colon)
- Most of the research being published is done so in Rural Health journals (Journal of Rural Health)



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Why Does It Matter?

Limited Rural Providers

Lack of Clinical Trials

Reduced Health Care Literacy

Reduced Cancer Screening and Follow-up

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

LIMITED ACCESS TO RADIATION THERAPY

Fragmented Care

Limited Access to Support Groups and Care Coordination

Thank you!

- Questions?