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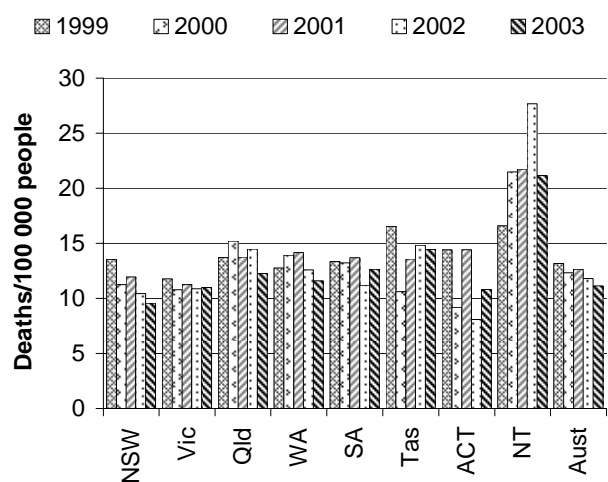
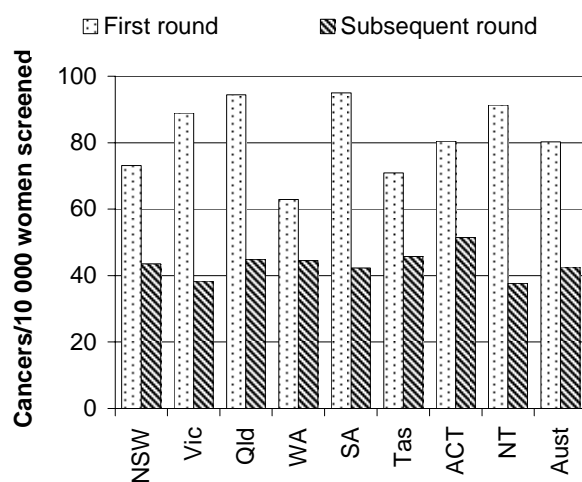
HEALTH MANAGEMENT (CHAPTER 11)

- The focus of this chapter is on the performance of governments in managing two key health issues: breast cancer and mental health.
- A fundamental component of breast cancer control is the use of screening mammography to enable early detection of breast cancer. The BreastScreen Australia Program aims to reduce mortality from breast cancer by detecting cancers while they are still small and localised to the breast.
- The breast cancer detection rate is an indicator of the effectiveness of screening mammography services in detecting breast cancers. For women aged 50–69 years, in the first round in 2004 the age standardised number of invasive cancers detected per 10 000 women screened Australia wide was 80.3, up from 72.4 in 2003 (p. 11.27).
- ‘Mortality due to suicide’ is an indicator for mental health because evidence indicates that people with a mental disorder are at a higher risk of suicide than are the general population. In 2003, 2211 deaths by suicide were recorded in Australia — equivalent to 11.1 deaths per 100 000 people. The national rate fell from 1999 to 2000, followed by a slight increase in 2001 and then further falls in 2002 and 2003 (p. 11.67).

Selection of results

Breast cancer detection rate, invasive cancers, for women aged 50–69 years, 2004^a, ^b (p. 11.27)

Suicide rate^c, ^d, ^e (p. 11.67)



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	NSW	Vic	Qld	WA	SA	Tas	ACT	NT	Aust
<i>Breast cancer detection rate, invasive cancers, for women aged 50–69 years, 2004 (cancers per 10 000 women screened)^{a, b}</i>									
First round	73.1	88.9	94.5	62.9	95.0	70.9	80.4	91.3	80.3
Subsequent round	43.5	38.3	44.9	44.5	42.3	45.8	51.4	37.7	42.5
<i>Suicide rate^{c, d, e}</i>									
1999	13.6	11.8	13.7	12.8	13.4	16.5	14.4	16.6	13.2
2000	11.3	10.8	15.2	13.9	13.2	10.6	9.2	21.5	12.3
2001	11.9	11.3	13.8	14.1	13.7	13.6	14.4	21.7	12.6
2002	10.4	10.9	14.5	12.6	11.2	14.8	8.1	27.7	11.8
2003	9.6	11.0	12.3	11.6	12.6	14.5	10.8	21.2	11.1

^a Rates are age standardised to the Australian population of women attending a BreastScreen service in 1998. ^b The first screening round is a woman's first visit to a BreastScreen Australia mammography screening service. The subsequent screening round is a woman's visit to a BreastScreen Australia mammography screening service when she has attended such a service before. ^c By year of registration of death. Year-to-year variation can be influenced by coronial workloads. ^d The death rate is age standardised to the mid-year 2001 population. ^e Low populations can result in small variations in the number of suicides appearing as large changes in rates (which are not statistically significant).

Sources: State and Territory governments (unpublished), figure 11.13, table 11A.16; ABS (unpublished), Causes of Death, Australia, Cat. no. 3303.0 (various issues), figure 11.31, table 11A.51.

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