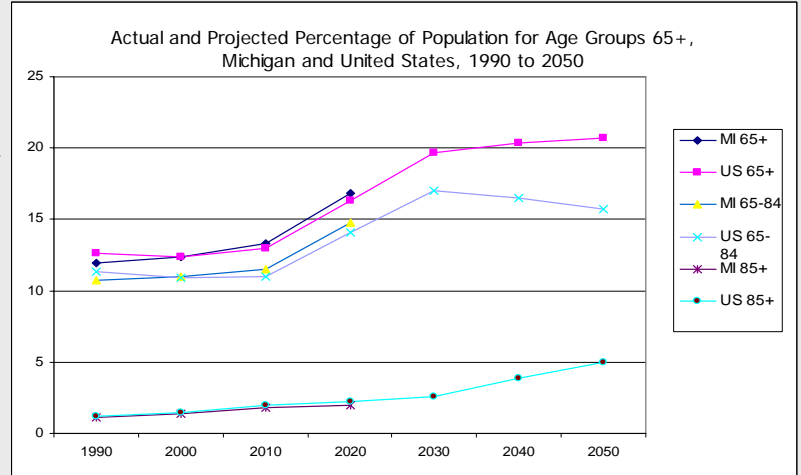


End-of-Life Care: Preventing and Reducing Avoidable Suffering in Michigan

What You Need to Know About Cancer and End-of-Life in Michigan...

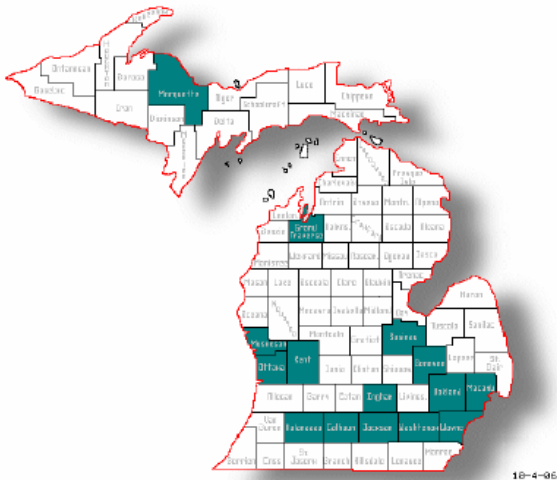
- Over the next three decades, Michigan's population aged 65+ is expected to increase by approximately 60%.
- Therefore, we can expect to see more cancer cases, as cancer is a disease that tends to strike older people.
- About 40% of persons with cancer do not survive 5 years after the original diagnosis.
- In 2004, 23% of deaths in Michigan were due to cancer.
- The need will only increase to prevent and reduce avoidable suffering at the end-of-life.



What You Need to Know About Pain and Symptom Control...

- Experts maintain that pain and symptoms can be controlled in at least 95% of cases.
- Caregivers and hospice contacts, however, report that 45% of cancer patients at the end-of-life have severe pain.
- In 2006, only 15 counties in Michigan had palliative care programs.

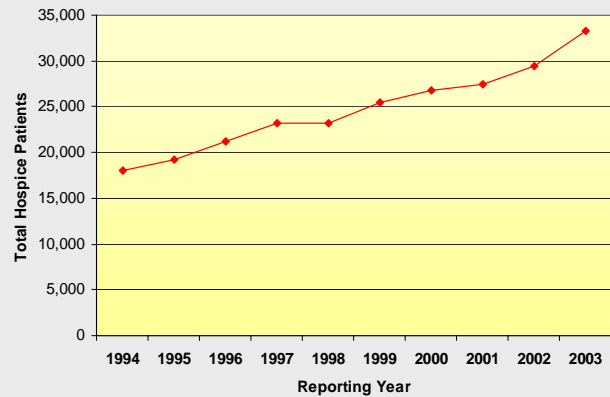
Location of Palliative Care Programs, 2006



What You Need to Know About Hospice...

- The goals of hospice are to:
 - Prevent needless suffering
 - Provide good quality of life
 - Help people cope and prepare for death

Time Trend in Total Number of Hospice Patients, 1994-2003, Michigan Hospice and Palliative Care Organization



Reasons Why Hospice Was Not Chosen For End of Life Care, Cancer Patients Only, MI 2004

