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Fewer people are dying from cancer in Hawaii, according to a new study out Friday.



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The study produced by the American Cancer Society, the Cancer Research Center and the Health Department shows that in the last two decades, about 19 percent fewer Hawaii men and women have died from cancer.

"We are doing better," said Dr. Brian Issell, from the Cancer Research Center. "In other words when people get cancer we are able to treat them more effectively."

One alarming finding is that lung cancer rates are rising among Filipino men, mainly due to smoking.

The study also shows Hawaiian and Filipino women are less likely to come in for life-saving mammograms.

The American Cancer Society said efforts like this Hawaii study will go a long way toward helping reach its goal of cutting cancer deaths in half by the year 2015.

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