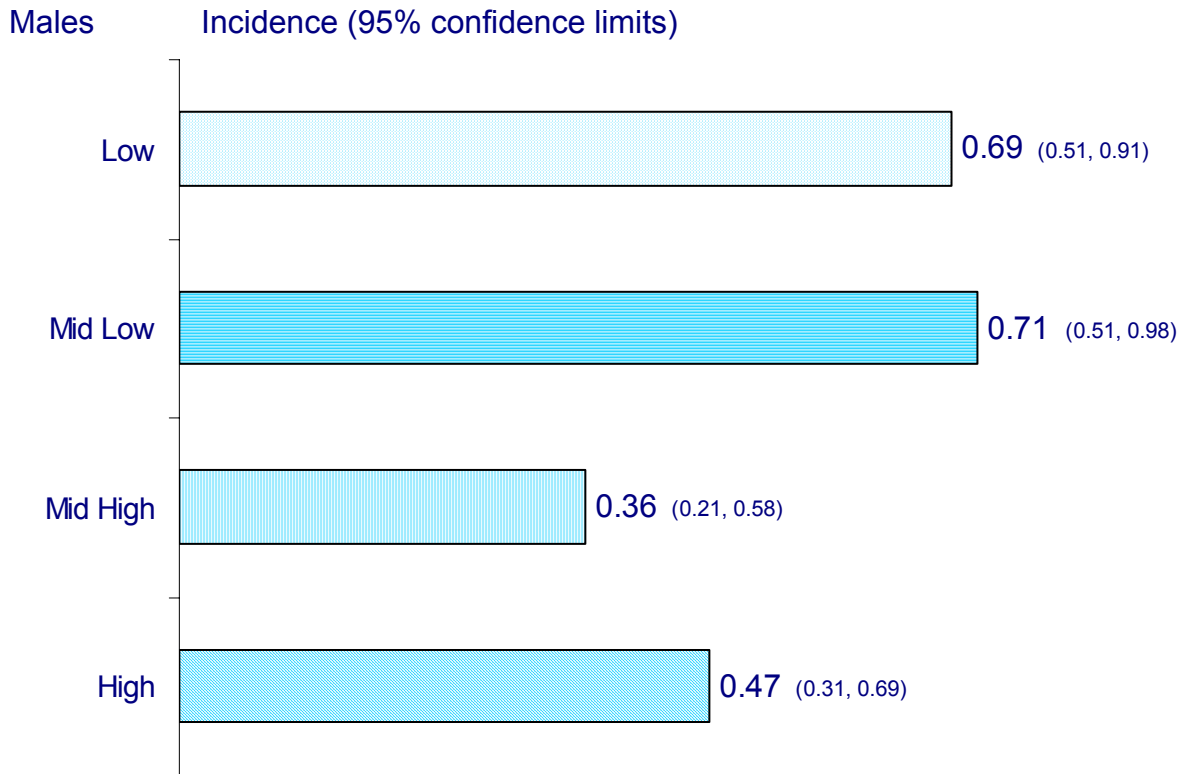


Annual incidence of cancer in South Australia in 1977-2001 by socio-economic status of place of residence per 100,000 (age-standardized to World Population)

Cancer site: **Penis**



PENIS

- Cancers of the penis are rare, with incidence rates varying around the world about five fold. South Australia recorded a very low incidence during 1993-97, which was clearly lower than recorded for Central and South America, the United Kingdom/Ireland, Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America.
- **Numbers of these cancers have been too low in South Australia to detect variations in risk by country of birth, socio-economic status, region of residence or calendar year.**
- Risk factors include:
 - A history of infection with human papilloma virus.
 - Behaviour that increases the risk of human papilloma infection, such as unprotected sex with multiple partners.
 - Being uncircumcised, although the risk in uncircumcised men probably can be minimised by good hygiene practices.
 - Possibly cigarette smoking.