

Item		Total N = 550		SUH N = 215		SCC N = 335		X ² (p)
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Gender	Male	217	39.5	99	46.1	118	35.2	6.421 (0.011)
	Female	333	60.5	116	53.9	217	64.8	
Age, years	20 -	113	20.6	57	26.6	56	16.8	8.306 (0.016)
	40 -	257	46.7	89	41.4	168	50.1	
	60 +	180	32.7	69	32.0	111	33.1	
Residence in Sohag	Rural	450	81.8	171	79.5	279	83.3	5.146 (0.076)
	Urban	45	8.2	15	7.0	30	8.9	
	Outside	55	10.0	29	13.5	26	7.8	
Marital status	Single	60	10.9	24	11.2	36	10.7	3.174 (0.366)
	Married	473	86.0	183	85.1	290	86.6	
	Others	17	3.1	8	3.7	9	2.7	
Educational level	Illiterate	435	79.1	162	75.3	273	81.5	6.173 (0.103)
	Educated	27	20.9	10	24.7	17	18.5	
Ability to work	Unable	460	83.6	176	81.9	284	84.7	9.244 (0.236)
	Able	90	16.4	39	18.1	51	15.3	
	Satisfactory	47	8.5	16	7.4	31	9.3	

Table (1): Socio-demographic characteristics of the studied oncology patients

Purpose	Institute					Total N = 550	
	Sohag University Hospital N = 215		Sohag Cancer Center N = 335		p-value		
	No.	%	No.	%		No.	%
Receiving treatment	157	73	172	51.3	0.000	329	59.8
For investigation	11	5.1	11	3.3		22	4
For follow up	11	5.1	127	37.9		138	25.1
For multiple purposes	36	16.7	25	7.5		61	11.1

Table (2): Distribution of the studied sample by purpose of seeking the service

Times	Institute					Total N = 550	
	S.U.H N = 215		S.C.C N = 335		p-value		
	No.	%	No.	%	0.000	No.	%
	1 – 3*	120	55.8	164		49	284
4 - 6	32	14.9	34	10.1		66	12
7 - 9	19	8.8	107	31.9		126	22.9
10 +	44	20.5	30	9		74	13.5

Table (3): Frequency of attendance for the service

Times	Institute				Total N = 550	
	Sohag University Hospital N = 215		Sohag Cancer Center N = 335			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
<1 month	141	65.6	174	51.9	315	57.3
1 – 3 months	37	17.2	29	8.7	66	12
>3 months – 1 year	30	14	127	37.9	157	28.5
>1 year	7	3.3	5	1.5	12	2.2

Table (4): Period of stay in the hospital