

Chapter II

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**ORAL CAVITY AND PHARYNX**

ICD-10 C00-C14, EXCL. C11

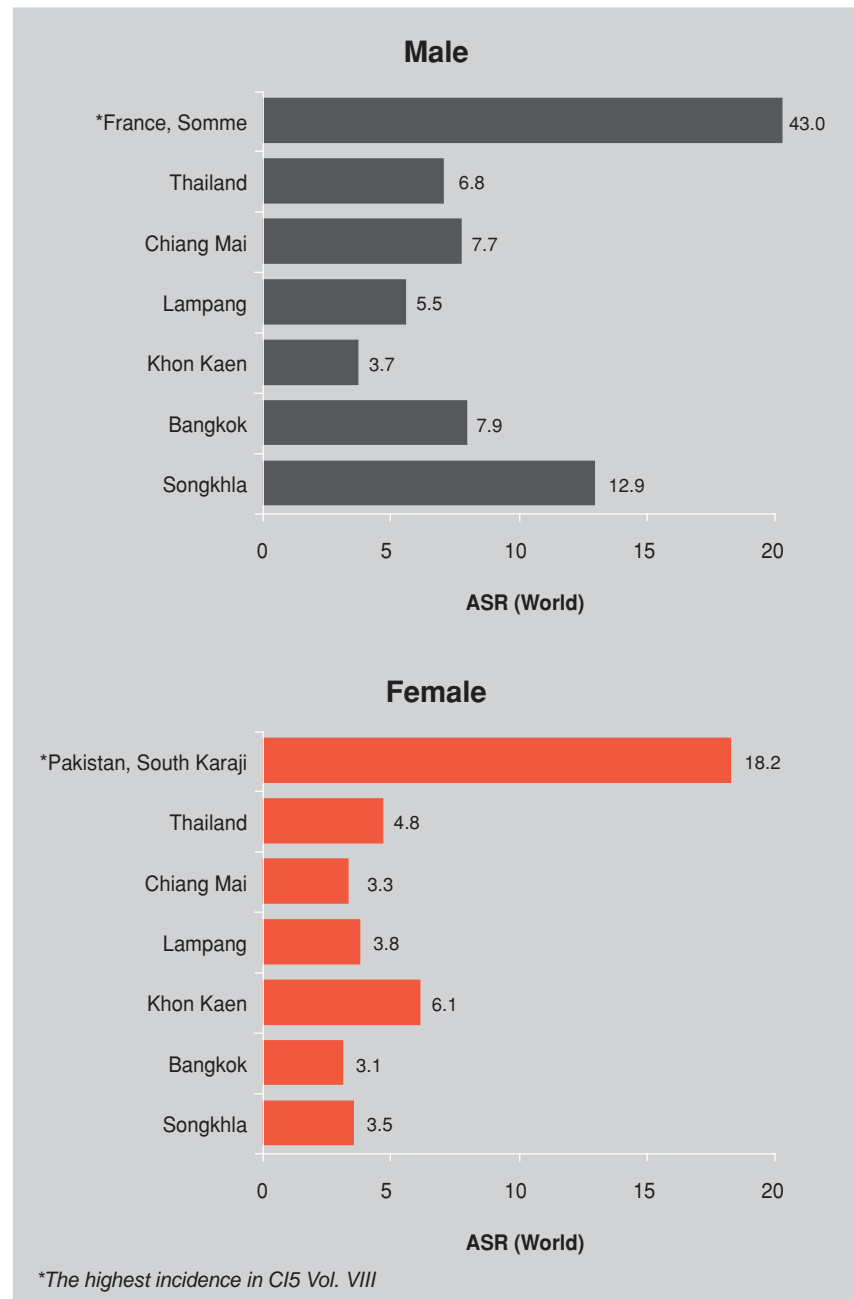
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Compared with other parts of the world, Thailand is among the low incident countries for oral cavity and pharynx cancers. The estimated incidence rate of oral cavity and pharynx cancers in Thailand is 6.8 per 100 000 population in males and 4.8 in females. The highest incidence of the cancers is observed in the South (Songkhla) in males and in the Northeast (Khon Kaen)

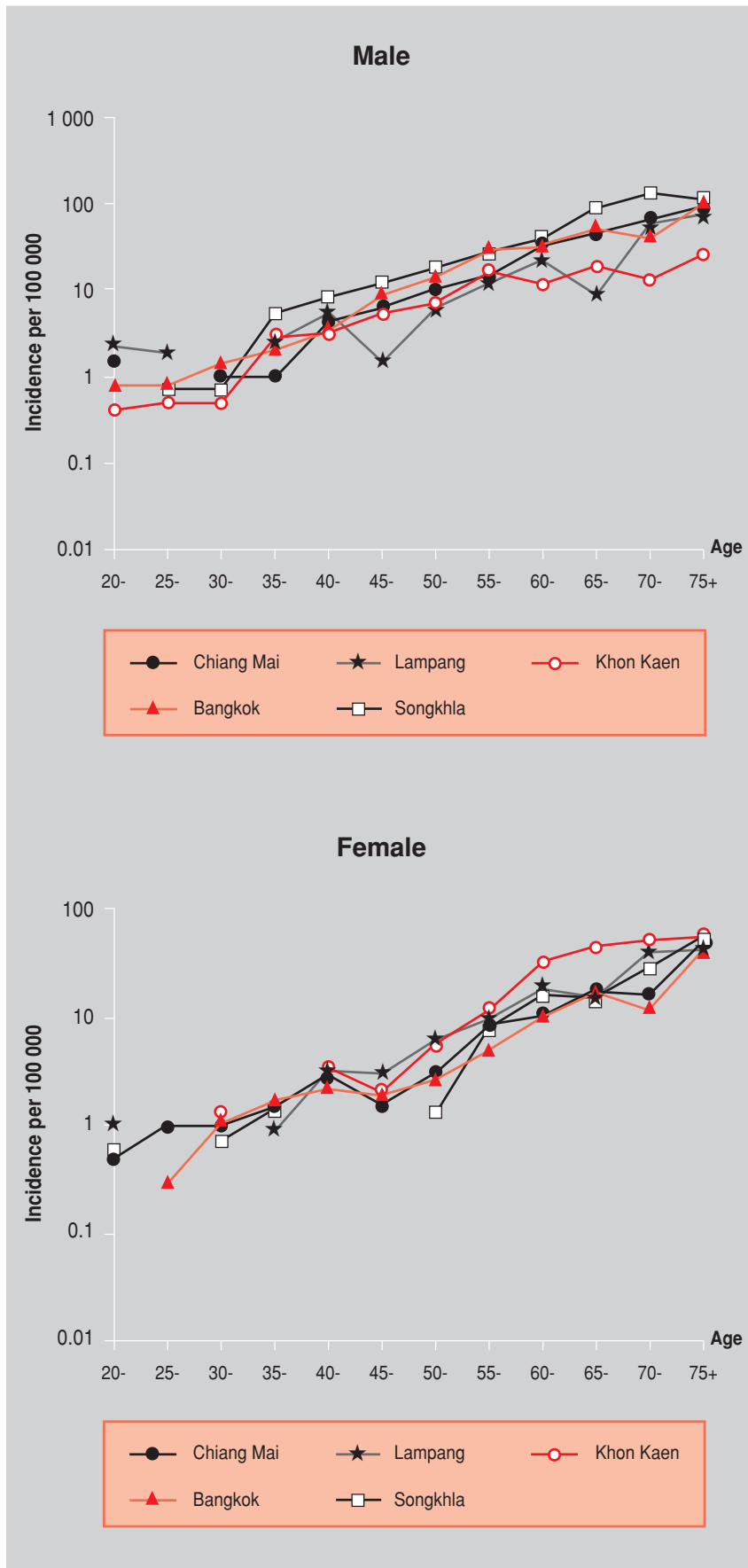
in females (Figure 2.2.1). Beginning to appear at the age of 20 years, the age-specific incidence rates of these two cancers rapidly rise with age (Figure 2.2.2).

The incidence rate for oral cavity and pharynx cancers in both males and females shows a stable or slightly declining trend in all registries throughout the past decade (Figure 2.2.3).

**Figure 2.2.1** Oral cavity & pharynx cancers in different regions, 1995-1997



**Figure 2.2.2** Age-specific incidence rates of oral cavity & pharynx cancers, 1995-1997



**Figure 2.2.3** Trend in incidence of oral cavity & pharynx cancers

