

**Table 1.** Patients' demographic, disease, and treatment characteristics (*N*=233)

<b>Characteristic</b>	<i>N</i>	%
<b>Gender</b>		
Male	165	70.8
Female	68	29.2
<b>Age</b>	Mean (range)	57 years (29-78 years)
<b>Highest level of education</b>		
Less than high school	44	19.6
High school or trade qualification	112	50.0
University or college degree	68	30.4
Missing	9	-
<b>Marital status</b>		
Married or de facto	181	80.4
Separated or divorced	25	11.1
Widowed	7	3.1
Single	12	5.3
Missing	8	-
<b>Employment status</b>		
Employed full-time	130	57.5
Employed part-time	27	12.0
Unemployed	11	4.9
Retired	58	25.7
Missing	7	-
<b>Dependent people at home</b>	89/220	40.4
<b>Dependent children at home</b>	83/226	36.7
<b>Close friend/ relative died from cancer</b>	160/225	71.1
<b>Support available</b>		
All of the time	99	43.8
Most of the time	60	26.6
Some of the time	55	24.3
None of the time	12	5.3
Missing	7	-
<b>Size of primary tumour</b>		
< 10cm	161	69.1
> 10cm	72	30.9
<b>Histology</b>		
Chromophobe	14	6.0
Conventional	199	85.8
Papillary	17	7.3
Other	2	0.9
Missing	1	-