

GIVEN: 8 CASES OF INVASIVE CANCER AND A TOTAL years of employment of the 145 teachers, teachers' Aides, AND staff members. The # of person-years according to National Cancer Institute statistics suggests that 4.2 cases of cancer could have been expected to occur among the teachers and staff, rather than the 8 actually reported

Assumptions: (1) 145 employees dev (or not) cancer independently (2) Chances of cancer θ is the same for each employee. Therefore n , the # of cancers among the 145 employees, has a binomial distribution

$$p(n/\theta) = \binom{145}{n} \theta^n (1-\theta)^{145-n} \quad \text{in which}$$

$\left(\frac{145}{n}\right)$ is the combination of 145 things taken n at a time

Assume uniform distribution $[0, 1]$

$$f(\theta) = 1.0 \quad \text{for } 0 \leq \theta \leq 1$$

Uses bayes rule to update the prior distrib to a posterior distribution $f(\theta/n=8)$ based on 8 observed cases