International Cancer Survival Standards (ICSS) used for standardising survival by age according to cancer site. Age classes and weighting for three types of cancer incidence age patterns.

	Age classes	Weightings	Cancer sites
3	15-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-100	60, 10, 10, 10, 10	Testis, Hodgkin's disease, acute lymphatic leukaemia
2	15-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-100	28, 17, 21, 20, 14	Nasopharynx, soft tissues, melanoma, cervix uteri, brain, thyroid gland, bone
1	15-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-100	7, 12, 23, 29, 29	All other sites except prostate
	15-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85-100	19, 23, 29, 23, 6	Prostate

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