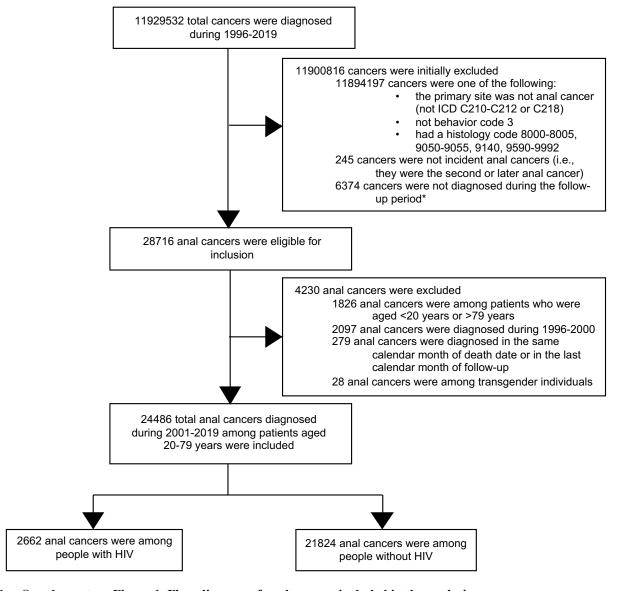
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#### 1. Supplementary Figure 1. Flow diagram of anal cancers included in the analysis.

<sup>\*</sup> The follow-up period started in January of the study period for each registry site's start year and ended at the earlier of December of the study period end year or the month before the individual's 85th birthday.

### 2. Supplementary Table 1. Reclassification of anal-related cause of death among anal cancer patients in the HIV/AIDS Cancer Match Study, 2001-2019.

|                              |         | Original |         |                   | Reclassified |          |              |      |              |
|------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|-------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|------|--------------|
|                              | Overall | People w | ith HIV | Overall People wi |              | with HIV | vith HIV     |      |              |
|                              |         | Yes      | No      |                   |              |          | Yes          |      | No           |
| Cause of Death               | n       | n        | n       | n                 | $\Delta^{a}$ | n        | $\Delta^{a}$ | n    | $\Delta^{a}$ |
| Anal Cancer                  | 2074    | 213      | 1861    | 2074              | 0            | 213      | 0            | 1861 | 0            |
| Colon Cancer                 | 648     | 34       | 614     | 611               | -37          | 34       | 0            | 577  | -37          |
| Rectal Cancer                | 1606    | 174      | 1432    | 1540              | -66          | 169      | -5           | 1371 | -61          |
| Rectosigmoid Junction Cancer | 275     | 18       | 257     | 273               | -2           | 18       | 0            | 255  | -2           |
| All Anal-Related Cancers     | 4603    | 439      | 4164    | 4498              | -105         | 434      | -5           | 4064 | -100         |

ICD = International Classification of Diseases.

 $<sup>^{</sup>a}$   $\Delta$  denotes the absolute change from the original cause of death classification after reclassifying anal cancer patients with cause of death codes for colon, rectal, or rectosigmoid junction cancer and a corresponding incident cancer diagnosis of colon, rectal, or rectosigmoid junction cancer.

3. Supplementary Table 2. Leading causes of death and proportion of deaths attributed to anal cancer and anal-related cancers among anal cancer patients overall and by HIV status in the HIV/AIDS Cancer Match Study 2001-2019.

|   |                     | People with HIV          |                          |  |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|
|   |                     | Yes                      | No                       |  |
| Cause of Death  | ICD Codes           | n (%)                    | n (%)                    |  |
| Total population  |                     | 2662                     | 21824                    |  |
| All deaths (% of total population)                      |                     | 1161 (43.6%)             | 7722 (35·4%)             |  |
| Total population among registries with COD data         |                     | 2582                     | 21051                    |  |
| All deaths among registries with COD data               |                     | 1130 (43.8%)             | 7486 (35.6%)             |  |
| Anal cancer   | C210 C211 C212 C218 | 213 (8·2%)               | 1861 (8.8%)              |  |
| Colon cancer  | C187 C189           | 34 (1·3%)                | 577 (2.7%)               |  |
| Rectal cancer   | C20 C209            | 169 (6.5%)               | 1371 (6.5%)              |  |
| Rectosigmoid junction cancer                            | C19 C199            | 18 (0.7%)                | 255 (1.2%)               |  |
| All anal-related cancers                                | All codes above     | 434 (16.8%)              | 4064 (19·3%)             |  |
| Leading cause of death a among registries with COD data |                     |                          |                          |  |
| 1.  |                     | Anal-related cancer      | Anal-related cancer      |  |
|   |                     | 434 (16·8%)              | 4064 (19·3%)             |  |
| 2.  |                     | HIV                      | Miscellaneous neoplasms  |  |
|   |                     | 411 (15.9%)              | 365 (1.7%)               |  |
| 3.  |                     | Ischemic heart disease   | Ischemic heart disease   |  |
|   |                     | 35 (1.4%)                | 334 (1.6%)               |  |
| 4.  |                     | Lung and bronchus cancer | Lung and bronchus cancer |  |
|   |                     | 21 (0.8%)                | 296 (1·4%)               |  |
| 5.  |                     | Miscellaneous Neoplasms  | COPD                     |  |
|   |                     | 15 (0.6%)                | 176 (0.8%)               |  |

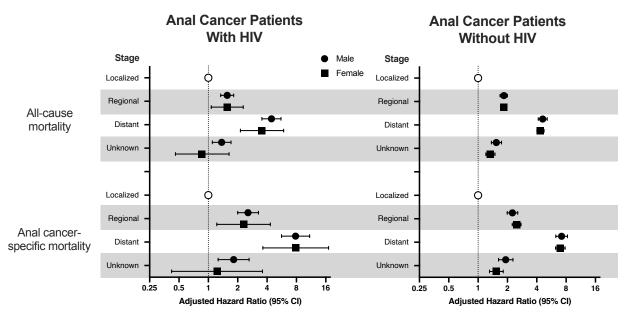
COD = cause of death; COPD = chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and allied conditions; ICD = International Classification of Diseases.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Cause of death was determined using the groupings in the "Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Cause of Death to Site Recode ICD-O-3 2023 Revision": <a href="https://seer.cancer.gov/codrecode/icdo3">https://seer.cancer.gov/codrecode/icdo3</a> d2023/.

#### 4. Supplementary Table 3. Characteristics of anal cancer patients by sex and HIV status in the HIV/AIDS Cancer Match Study, 2001-2019.

|                               | Male (N=9617)                        |                  |                  |                  | Female (N=14869) |                  |                  |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|--|
|                               | Overall                              | MSM with HIV     | HIV              | Status           | Overall          | HIV              | Status           |  |
| Characteristic                | N (%)                                | n (%)            | Yes, n (%)       | No, n (%)        | N (%)            | Yes, n (%)       | No, n (%)        |  |
| Year of Anal Cancer Diagnosis |                                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |
| 2001-2004                     | 1648 (17·1%)                         | 233 (14.9%)      | 333 (14.6%)      | 1315 (17.9%)     | 2462 (16.6%)     | 43 (11.4%)       | 2419 (16.7%)     |  |
| 2005-2009                     | 3090 (32·1%)                         | 482 (30.9%)      | 736 (32·2%)      | 2354 (32·1%)     | 4498 (30·3%)     | 101 (26.8%)      | 4397 (30·3%)     |  |
| 2010-2014                     | 3362 (35.0%)                         | 579 (37·1%)      | 811 (35.5%)      | 2551 (34.8%)     | 5483 (36.9%)     | 135 (35.8%)      | 5348 (36.9%)     |  |
| 2015-2019                     | 1517 (15.8%)                         | 268 (17.2%)      | 405 (17.7%)      | 1112 (15.2%)     | 2426 (16·3%)     | 98 (26.0%)       | 2328 (16·1%)     |  |
| Chi-squared p-value           | ,                                    | ,                |                  | 003              | ,                |                  | 0001             |  |
| Age of Diagnosis years        |                                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |
| 20-39                         | 643 (6.7%)                           | 243 (15.6%)      | 329 (14.4%)      | 314 (4.3%)       | 427 (2.9%)       | 50 (13.3%)       | 377 (2.6%)       |  |
| 40-59                         | 4944 (51·4%)                         | 1134 (72.6%)     | 1675 (73.3%)     | 3269 (44.6%)     | 7080 (47.6%)     | 279 (74.0%)      | 6801 (46.9%)     |  |
| 60-79                         | 4030 (41.9%)                         | 185 (11.8%)      | 281 (12·3%)      | 3749 (51·1%)     | 7362 (49.5%)     | 48 (12.7%)       | 7314 (50·5%)     |  |
| Chi-squared p-value           | 1030 (11 370)                        | 103 (11 070)     |                  | 0001             | 7302 (13 370)    |                  | 0001             |  |
| Median (IQR)                  | 57.3 (48.8-66.3)                     | 48.6 (42.8-55.0) | 48.9 (43.2-55.3) | 60.3 (51.9-68.5) | 59.8 (52.4-68.1) | 50.1 (44.0-55.3) | 60.1 (52.7-68.3) |  |
| Race/Ethnicity                | 373 (10 0 00 3)                      | 10 0 (12 0 33 0) | 10 ) (13 2 33 3) | 00 5 (51 7 00 5) | 33 0 (32 1 00 1) | 30 1 (11 0 33 3) | 00 1 (32 7 00 3) |  |
| NH White                      | 6258 (65·1%)                         | 724 (46·4%)      | 926 (40.5%)      | 5332 (72.7%)     | 10963 (73.7%)    | 58 (15.4%)       | 10905 (75·3%)    |  |
| NH Black                      | 1840 (19·1%)                         | 499 (32.0%)      | 809 (35.4%)      | 1031 (14·1%)     | 1816 (12.2%)     | 189 (50·1%)      | 1627 (11.2%)     |  |
| Hispanic                      | 1181 (12·3%)                         | 268 (17.2%)      | 445 (19.5%)      | 736 (10.0%)      | 1693 (11.4%)     | 115 (30.5%)      | 1578 (10.9%)     |  |
| Other                         | 107 (1.1%)                           | 8 (0.5%)         | DS               | DS               | 164 (1.1%)       | DS               | DS               |  |
|                               | ` /                                  | ` /              |                  | DS<br>DS         | ` /              | DS<br>DS         |                  |  |
| Unknown                       | 231 (2·4%)                           | 63 (4.0%)        | DS               |                  | 233 (1.6%)       |                  | DS               |  |
| Chi-squared p-value           |                                      |                  | <0.0             | 0001             |                  | <0.              | 0001             |  |
| Histology                     | <b>555</b> (00 <b>5</b> 00)          | 1501 (06 10)     | 2101 (06 00()    |                  | 12212 (00 00 )   | 266 (27 10/)     | 12052 (00 50()   |  |
| Squamous cell carcinoma       | 7756 (80·7%)                         | 1501 (96·1%)     | 2194 (96.0%)     | 5562 (75.9%)     | 13219 (88.9%)    | 366 (97·1%)      | 12853 (88.7%)    |  |
| Adenocarcinoma                | 1396 (14·5%)                         | 21 (1·3%)        | DS               | DS               | 1016 (6.8%)      | DS               | DS               |  |
| Other                         | 465 (4.8%)                           | 40 (2.6%)        | DS               | DS               | 634 (4·3%)       | DS               | DS               |  |
| Chi-squared p-value           |                                      |                  | <0.              | 0001             |                  | <0.              | 0001             |  |
| Anal Cancer Stage             |                                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |
| Localized                     | 4643 (48·3%)                         | 837 (53.6%)      | 1229 (53·8%)     | 3414 (46.6%)     | 7049 (47·4%)     | 170 (45·1%)      | 6879 (47·5%)     |  |
| Regional                      | 2971 (30.9%)                         | 458 (29·3%)      | 673 (29·5%)      | 2298 (31·3%)     | 4636 (31·2%)     | 132 (35.0%)      | 4504 (31·1%)     |  |
| Distant                       | 967 (10·1%)                          | 102 (6.5%)       | 153 (6.7%)       | 814 (11·1%)      | 1747 (11·8%)     | 41 (10.9%)       | 1706 (11.8%)     |  |
| Unknown                       | 1036 (10.8%)                         | 165 (10.6%)      | 230 (10·1%)      | 806 (11.0%)      | 1437 (9.7%)      | 34 (9.0%)        | 1403 (9.7%)      |  |
| Chi-squared p-value           |                                      |                  | <0.              | 0001             |                  | 0                | 44               |  |
| Anal Cancer Treatment         |                                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |
| Any Anal Cancer Treatment     |                                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |
| Yes                           | 8551 (88.9%)                         | 1405 (90.0%)     | 2060 (90.2%)     | 6491 (88.5%)     | 13506 (90.8%)    | 349 (92.6%)      | 13157 (90.8%)    |  |
| No/Unknown                    | 1066 (11·1%)                         | 157 (10·1%)      | 225 (9.9%)       | 841 (11.5%)      | 1363 (9.2%)      | 28 (7.4%)        | 1335 (9.2%)      |  |
| Chi-squared p-value           | ,                                    |                  |                  | 031              | (- )             |                  | 24               |  |
| Surgery                       |                                      |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |                  |  |
| Yes                           | 4523 (47.0%)                         | 759 (48.6%)      | 1104 (48·3%)     | 3419 (46.6%)     | 5524 (37·2%)     | 169 (44.8%)      | 5355 (37.0%)     |  |
| No/Unknown                    | 5094 (53.0%)                         | 803 (51.4%)      | 1181 (51.7%)     | 3913 (53.4%)     | 9345 (62.9%)     | 208 (55·2%)      | 9137 (63·1%)     |  |
| Chi-squared p-value           | 3071 (33 070)                        | 003 (31 170)     |                  | 16               | 33 13 (02 370)   |                  | 018              |  |
| Chemotherapy                  |                                      |                  | ŭ                | 10               |                  |                  | 010              |  |
| Yes                           | 6144 (63.9%)                         | 1010 (64.7%)     | 1444 (63·2%)     | 4700 (64·1%)     | 10912 (73·4%)    | 254 (67.4%)      | 10658 (73.5%)    |  |
| No/Unknown                    | 3473 (36·1%)                         | 552 (35·3%)      | 841 (36.8%)      | 2632 (35.9%)     | 3957 (26.6%)     | 123 (32.6%)      | 3834 (26.5%)     |  |
| Chi-squared p-value           | JT13 (30 170)                        | 332 (33 370)     |                  | 43               | 3731 (20 0/0)    |                  | 074              |  |
| Radiation                     |                                      |                  | 0.               | <b>T</b> J       |                  | 0.0              | W/ <del>T</del>  |  |
|                               | (226 ((5 00/)                        | 1056 (67 (9/)    | 1546 (67 70/)    | 4700 (65 20/)    | 11077 (74 50/)   | 275 (72,00/)     | 10002 (74 50/)   |  |
| Yes                           | 6326 (65.8%)                         | 1056 (67.6%)     | 1546 (67.7%)     | 4780 (65.2%)     | 11077 (74.5%)    | 275 (72.9%)      | 10802 (74.5%)    |  |
| No/Unknown                    | 3291 (34·2%)                         | 506 (32·4%)      | 739 (32·3%)      | 2552 (34·8%)     | 3792 (25·5%)     | 102 (27·1%)      | 3690 (25.5%)     |  |
| Chi-squared p-value           | ———————————————————————————————————— |                  | 0.0              | 301              |                  | 0.               | 48               |  |

DS = data suppressed (cell count <6 or to prevent the computation of other small cells); IQR = interquartile range; MSM = men who have sex with men.



5. Supplementary Figure 2. Association between anal cancer stage and all-cause and anal cancer-specific mortality by HIV status and sex among anal cancer patients in the HIV/AIDS Cancer Match Study, 2001-2019.

# 6. Supplementary Table 4. Association between anal cancer stage and all-cause and anal cancer-specific mortality by HIV status and sex among anal cancer patients in the HIV/AIDS Cancer Match Study, 2001-2019.

|                                  | People            | with HIV          | People without HIV |                  |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|--|
|                                  | Male              | Female            | Male               | Female           |  |
|                                  | aHR (95% CI)      | aHR (95% CI)      | aHR (95% CI)       | aHR (95% CI)     |  |
| All-cause mortality <sup>a</sup> |                   |                   |                    |                  |  |
| Anal cancer stage                |                   |                   |                    |                  |  |
| Localized                        | 1.00 (ref)        | 1.00 (ref)        | 1.00 (ref)         | 1.00 (ref)       |  |
| Regional                         | 1.56 (1.34-1.82)  | 1.56 (1.07-2.28)  | 1.84 (1.68-2.00)   | 1.84 (1.71-1.98) |  |
| Distant                          | 4.44 (3.54-5.56)  | 3.55 (2.13-5.92)  | 4.60 (4.14-5.12)   | 4.36 (4.01-4.75) |  |
| Unknown                          | 1.37 (1.10-1.71)  | 0.86 (0.46-1.63)  | 1.54 (1.37-1.74)   | 1.34 (1.20-1.49) |  |
| Anal cancer-specific mortality b |                   |                   |                    |                  |  |
| Anal cancer stage                |                   |                   |                    |                  |  |
| Localized                        | 1.00 (ref)        | 1.00 (ref)        | 1.00 (ref)         | 1.00 (ref)       |  |
| Regional                         | 2.55 (2.00-3.27)  | 2.30 (1.22-4.32)  | 2.25 (1.99-2.55)   | 2.49 (2.24-2.76) |  |
| Distant                          | 7.85 (5.63-10.93) | 7.87 (3.62-17.11) | 7.20 (6.27-8.27)   | 6.99 (6.25-7.82) |  |
| Unknown                          | 1.82 (1.26-2.62)  | 1.23 (0.42-3.59)  | 1.92 (1.62-2.28)   | 1.54 (1.31-1.81) |  |

aHR = adjusted hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval.

 <sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The Cox proportional hazard model for all-cause mortality was adjusted for year of anal cancer diagnosis, age at anal cancer diagnosis, race/ethnicity, histology, anal cancer stage, registry region, surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation; Models among people with HIV additionally adjusted for AIDS and HIV transmission risk group.
<sup>b</sup> The Cox proportional hazard model for anal cancer-specific mortality was adjusted for year of anal cancer diagnosis, age at anal

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> The Cox proportional hazard model for anal cancer-specific mortality was adjusted for year of anal cancer diagnosis, age at anal cancer diagnosis, race/ethnicity, histology, anal cancer stage, registry region, and any treatment; Models among people with HIV additionally adjusted for AIDS and HIV transmission risk group; Analyses for anal cancer-specific mortality excluded Connecticut due to missing cause of death information

## 7. Supplementary Table 5. Association between year of anal cancer diagnosis and risk of all-cause mortality and anal cancer-specific mortality among anal cancer patients in the HIV/AIDS Cancer Match Study, 2001-2019.

|                    | All-Cause Mortality <sup>a</sup> | Anal Cancer-Specific Mortality b |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
|                    | p-trend <sup>c</sup>             | p-trend <sup>c</sup>             |
| Overall            | < 0.0001                         | 0.0008                           |
| People With HIV    | < 0.0001                         | 0.13                             |
| People Without HIV | < 0.0001                         | 0.0019                           |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The Cox proportional hazard model for all-cause mortality was adjusted for sex, age at anal cancer diagnosis, race/ethnicity, histology, anal cancer stage, registry region, surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation; Models among people with HIV additionally adjusted for AIDS and HIV transmission risk group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> The Cox proportional hazard model for anal cancer-specific mortality was adjusted for sex, age at anal cancer diagnosis, race/ethnicity, histology, anal cancer stage, registry region, and any treatment; Models among people with HIV additionally adjusted for AIDS and HIV transmission risk group; Analyses for anal cancer-specific mortality excluded Connecticut due to missing cause of death information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>c</sup> p-trends were calculated using Cox proportional hazard models, treating year of anal cancer diagnosis as a continuous variable.

8. Supplementary Table 6. Sensitivity analysis comparing the adjusted hazard ratios for all-cause mortality and anal cancer-specific mortality using different year inclusion criteria among anal cancer patients in the HIV/AIDS Cancer Match Study.

|                | 2001-2019           | 2001-2018                             | 2001-2017              | 2001-2016        |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
|                | aHR (95% CI)        | aHR (95% CI)                          | aHR (95% CI)           | aHR (95% CI)     |
| All-Cause Mort | ality a             |                                       |                        |                  |
| Overall        | •                   |                                       |                        |                  |
| No HIV         | Ref                 | Ref                                   | Ref                    | Ref              |
| PWH            | 1.53 (1.42-1.64)    | 1.52 (1.42-1.64)                      | 1.52 (1.41-1.64)       | 1.52 (1.41-1.63) |
| Male           |                     |                                       |                        |                  |
| No HIV         | Ref                 | Ref                                   | Ref                    | Ref              |
| PWH            | 1.35 (1.24-1.47)    | 1.35 (1.24-1.46)                      | 1.35 (1.24-1.47)       | 1.34 (1.23-1.46) |
| Female         |                     |                                       |                        |                  |
| No HIV         | Ref                 | Ref                                   | Ref                    | Ref              |
| PWH            | 2.47 (2.10-2.90)    | 2.47 (2.10-2.91)                      | 2.49 (2.11-2.93)       | 2.48 (2.10-2.93) |
| Anal Cancer-Sp | pecific Mortality b | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | , in the second second |                  |
| Overall        | -                   |                                       |                        |                  |
| No HIV         | Ref                 | Ref                                   | Ref                    | Ref              |
| PWH            | 1.06 (0.94-1.18)    | 1.05 (0.94-1.18)                      | 1.05 (0.94-1.18)       | 1.05 (0.94-1.18) |
| Male           |                     |                                       |                        |                  |
| No HIV         | Ref                 | Ref                                   | Ref                    | Ref              |
| PWH            | 0.97 (0.85-1.10)    | 0.96 (0.85-1.10)                      | 0.97 (0.85-1.10)       | 0.96 (0.85-1.10) |
| Female         |                     |                                       |                        |                  |
| No HIV         | Ref                 | Ref                                   | Ref                    | Ref              |
| PWH            | 1.52 (1.18-1.97)    | 1.51 (1.17-1.96)                      | 1.52 (1.17-1.98)       | 1.54 (1.18-2.00) |

aHR = adjusted hazard ratio; CI = confidence interval; PWH= people with HIV.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The Cox proportional hazard model for all-cause mortality was adjusted for year of anal cancer diagnosis, sex, age at anal cancer diagnosis, race/ethnicity, histology, anal cancer stage, registry region, surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation (in the sex-stratified models, all covariates were adjusted for except for sex).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> The Cox proportional hazard model for anal cancer-specific mortality was adjusted for year of anal cancer diagnosis, sex, age at anal cancer diagnosis, race/ethnicity, histology, anal cancer stage, registry region, and any treatment (in the sex-stratified models, all covariates were adjusted for except for sex); Analyses for anal cancer-specific mortality excluded Connecticut due to missing cause of death information.

9. Supplementary Table 7. Sensitivity analysis comparing trends in all-cause mortality and anal cancerspecific mortality across year of anal cancer diagnosis using different year inclusion criteria among anal cancer patients in the HIV/AIDS Cancer Match Study.

|                                  | 2001-2019 | 2001-2018 | 2001-2017 | 2001-2016 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                  | p-trend   | p-trend   | p-trend   | p-trend   |
| All-Cause Mortality <sup>a</sup> |           |           |           |           |
| Overall                          | < 0.0001  | < 0.0001  | < 0.0001  | < 0.0001  |
| People with HIV                  | < 0.0001  | < 0.0001  | < 0.0001  | < 0.0001  |
| People without HIV               | < 0.0001  | < 0.0001  | < 0.0001  | < 0.0001  |
| Anal Cancer-Specific Mortality b |           |           |           |           |
| Overall                          | 0.0008    | 0.0008    | 0.0014    | 0.014     |
| People with HIV                  | 0.13      | 0.074     | 0.086     | 0.23      |
| People without HIV               | 0.0019    | 0.0024    | 0.0042    | 0.024     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> The Cox proportional hazard model for all-cause mortality was adjusted for sex, age at anal cancer diagnosis, race/ethnicity, histology, anal cancer stage, registry region, surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation; Models among people with HIV additionally adjusted for AIDS and HIV transmission risk group.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>b</sup> The Cox proportional hazard model for anal cancer-specific mortality was adjusted for sex, age at anal cancer diagnosis, race/ethnicity, histology, anal cancer stage, registry region, and any treatment; Models among people with HIV additionally adjusted for AIDS and HIV transmission risk group; Analyses for anal cancer-specific mortality excluded Connecticut due to missing cause of death information.