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CENTRAL REGISTRY UPDATE

Data Submission Updates:

2012 Data:

The ASCR is working on V12.2 software (for 2012 Data Submission). We'll try out best to make Abs Plus and Web Plus available to reporting facilities before July 1, 2012. The new installation of Abs Plus will still be sent to facilities on CD. Rhonda will send an email out when she is ready to mail the CD. Reporting facilities with other software should finish 2011 cases (and submit to ASCR) before updating their software for 2012 cases. The ASCR will only accept 2012 cases in NAACCR layout 12.2 at this point.

2011 Data:

The completeness rate for 2011 is around 50%. By next January, this number needs to be at 90%. Please make sure you are capturing all of your cases through your casefinding process, so you don't miss any reportable cases. Complete and timely data submission from all facilities will help reduce the effort ASCR spends on follow back activities.

2010 Data:

Since our 12 month submission (on 2010 data) was just sent to the CDC in March, we have yet to receive the results. According to our calculation, we met the required completeness rate of 90%. Now it's time to finish up the 2010 data to get it to 95% or more by October so we will be ready for the 24 month data submission. Many of you should receive death follow back and path report follow back letters from the ASCR. Please let the ASCR coordinators know whether the cases are reportable and send any reportable cases as soon as possible.

Updates in ASCR Web Site:

The 2012 reporting schedule, reportable list, and required data items are available on our website now. We will update the GenEdit files next month, but you can download version 1.2.5 from our link to NPCR program.

The ASCR continues our efforts to reduce paper processing. Please remember to use the **ASCR Online Data Revision Form** located in the Web Plus login page to send any updates for the patients you already reported to ASCR.

ASCR Physician Reporting Survey in the Non-Hospital Resources page is a good way to establish new reporting from physician offices. Please encourage physician offices to use it. You can also use it to let us know there is a new practice in your area so we can contact them.

Top Ten Cancer Incidence Rates in 2009 for Alabama by Race and Gender

African-American Males

Rank	Site	Rate
1	Prostate	231.3
2	Lung and Bronchus	111.7
3	Colon and Rectum	74.8
4	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	22.4
5	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	17.3
6	Oral Cavity and Pharynx	15.6
7	Myeloma	15.6
8	Stomach	14.6
9	Urinary Bladder	14.4
10	Leukemia	13.9

White Males

Rank	Site	Rate
1	Prostate	126.6
2	Lung and Bronchus	100.5
3	Colon and Rectum	51.0
4	Urinary Bladder	35.8
5	Melanoma of the Skin	35.6
6	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	22.4
7	Oral Cavity and Pharynx	22.0
8	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	20.7
9	Pancreas	14.3
10	Leukemia	14.2

African-American Females

Rank	Site	Rate
1	Breast	125.7
2	Colon and Rectum	43.9
3	Lung and Bronchus	38.3
4	Corpus and Uterus, NOS	20.7
5	Pancreas	14.1
6	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	12.9
7	Cervix Uteri	11.4
8	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	11.3
9	Ovary	9.0
10	Leukemia	8.3

White Females

Rank	Site	Rate
1	Breast	116.8
2	Lung and Bronchus	59.4
3	Colon and Rectum	37.2
4	Melanoma of the Skin	22.0
5	Corpus and Uterus, NOS	18.3
6	Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	13.3
7	Ovary	13.2
8	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	12.7
9	Thyroid	12.5
10	Leukemia	10.2

Rates are per 100,000 and age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S (19 age group) standard.

All Rates are for malignant cases only with the exception of bladder cancer which includes *in situ* cases.
Source: Alabama Statewide Cancer Registry, 2012.

Meet the New ASCR Staff Member

- **Ashley Grunewald, RHIA** graduated from ASU with a BS in HIM. She is a huge Atlanta Braves fan and enjoys watching most sports. She also recently received her EHR Implementation Management Certificate. Ashley will be the death clearance coordinator. She will work extensively with all reporting sources to ensure that the best information will be used to abstract all reportable cancer cases identified in the death clearance process. Her phone number is 334-206-2088 and email is ashley.grunewald@adph.state.al.us.

Updated Registry Plus Online Help Version 12.1

 A new version of Registry Plus Online Help (RPOH) has been released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, Cancer Surveillance Branch. This new version is available at www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/registryplus/rpoh_tech_info.htm. RPOH provides online versions of FORDS, the SEER coding manual, Collaborative Stage manual, and other resources in a free, easy-to-use package.

RPOH is an integrated, user-friendly help system for cancer registrars and others who work with cancer data. Developed in support of CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR), RPOH facilitates the abstraction of cancer cases by centralizing standard abstracting and coding manuals into one accessible, easy-to-use resource. The manuals within RPOH are cross-referenced, indexed, and context-linked, making the information readily available to the user, so RPOH can eliminate the need for printed manuals.

The following manuals are included in this release:

• NAACCR Data Standards and Data Dictionary for record layout version 12.1
• Online help for the NAACCR Edits Metafile V12.1B
• FORDS (Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards) 2011
• SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2011
• Collaborative Stage Data Collection System [CS]: User Documentation and Coding Instructions, Version 02.03 (including both Parts I and II) Note: The manual for version 02.04 in online help format is available as a stand-alone product at www.cancerstaging.org/cstage, and will be incorporated into RPOH in 2012.
• ICD-O-3, Introductory Material and Morphology Numerical Lists • Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules

RPOH for 2012, corresponding to NAACCR version 12.2, is scheduled for release in spring of 2012.

Registry Plus Online Help is part of the Registry Plus software suite for cancer registries.

Hematopoietic Update from Carol Johnson

The 2012 Hematopoietic Database and Manual are now posted on the SEER website. Please see the website for instructions on downloading the Manual and stand-alone Database as well as information on the web-based Database.

The URLs for accessing the homepage and Hematopoietic Database and Manual are:

- Hematopoietic Project home page - http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/heme/ (Hematopoietic Manual and stand-alone Heme DB)
- Hematopoietic & Lymphoid Database (web-based Heme DB) - http://seer.cancer.gov/seertools/hemelymph

These tools have been developed for use beginning with cases diagnosed 1/1/2012. If implementation of these tools for 2012 cases is not possible in your registry at this time, please contact Margaret (Peggy) Adamo at adamom@mail.nih.gov

Note that the ICD-O-3, ICD-9 and ICD-10 code lists for the Hematopoietic diseases will be available for viewing, searching, printing and exporting from the Hematopoietic Database website in early June. Those requiring programmatic access to any of the data stored in the Hematopoietic Database, which includes the information in these lists, should access this information through the new SEER API which will be available on the SEER website in early June.

EDUCATION CORNER

Training Opportunities

- Webinars for the Montgomery area are held at the RSA Tower 201 Monroe St. Montgomery, AL on the 13th floor at 1:00 pm on the date listed below. For more information please contact Tara Freeman at 334-206-7035.
  - ◆ June 4, 2012, Data Quality Indicators
  - ◆ July 12, 2012, ICD-10 and Cancer Surveillance
  - ◆ August 2, 2012, Hematopoietic Diseases

  A recording of these webinars can be viewed at the Cullman County Health Department and the Mobile County Health Department (Date-TBA). Contact Diane Hadley (256)775-8790 in Cullman County or Mark Jackson (251) 433-7809 in Mobile if you would like to attend meetings in Cullman or Mobile.
- The ASCR would like to know if anyone is interested in attending a meeting in the Montgomery, Cullman, or Mobile office for Abstract Plus and/or Web Plus training. Please contact Rhonda Morgan (334)206-5918. If you would like to attend this training and indicate which location and what kind of training you would like to attend.

Collection of Industry and Occupation Data For Cancer Registry Professionals

Course Description

The goal of this training module is to improve both the quality and the quantity of industry and occupation information captured from hospital and clinic records in order to increase the value of using this information for public health surveillance and research with the ultimate goal of decreasing the incidence of cancers related to workplace exposures.

This module contains 3 parts:

- Background on the importance of collecting information on the usual (or longest-held) industry and occupation of cancer patients,
- Guidelines for collecting industry and occupation (or I & O), and
- Examples of adequate and inadequate I & O entries.

There is a test at the end. All of those who complete this activity and pass the test (70% or higher) are eligible for 1.5 CEU from NCRA.

To access the module go to: http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/coding/courses/cancer/.

Questions and Answers from NAACCR Webinars

Q: -What histology code would you use for Pancoast tumor?

A: According to the AJCC, Pancoast tumor relates to the complex of symptoms or syndrome caused by a tumor arising in the superior sulcus of the lung. It is not a cell type. Code the histology as documented in the pathology or cytology report. If tissue or cells were not histologically examined, code the histology as documented in the patient record.

Q: In reference to rule M6 (a single tumor in each lung is multiple primaries), does this need to be pathologically confirmed? Who makes determination?-

-A: The current statement on SEER says there has to be proof that one is metastatic from the other. Their physician advisors stated it would be highly unlikely that a single tumor in one lung would be metastatic from a single tumor in the other lung.

National Cancer Registrars Week Celebration - Montgomery

National Cancer Registrars Week was celebrated a week early in Montgomery on April 5, 2012. The group celebrated with a catered lunch filled with sandwiches, chips, cookies, and drinks. After lunch, the group viewed a live webinar on *Collecting Cancer Data on the Lower Digestive System*.

Principles of Oncology Training

The Principles of Oncology Training during the week of March 26 was a tremendous success. The class was taught by April Fritz and Louanne Currence. The training was filled with basic case abstracting, anatomy and physiology, and explanations covering multiple primary rules as well as collaborative staging of numerous sites. The week concluded with a catered lunch, educational games, and lots of dancing. The instructors made learning about cancer fun and taught at a pace that was conductive to all learners. Those in attendance were Aimee Gamble, Nadine Kelly, Crystal Morton, Kandice Abernathy, Denita Austin, Ashley Grunewald, Sherry Attaway, Tara Freeman, Louanne Currence (instructor), Debbie Gray, Kim Spain, April Fritz (instructor), Linda Ashley, Caress Alexander, Frankie Frinzi, and Maria Ana Simpkins.

NCRA Conference 2012

The 2012 NCRA conference in Washington, D.C. covered a wide variety of cancer topics. In addition to all the cancer education, attendees were also able to fit in tours of Washington monuments, shopping, and a host of other activities.

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Thanks for all you do from the ASCR Staff!

Meetings in 2012

NAACCR Annual Meeting – June 2-8, 2012, Portland, OR

ACRA Annual Meeting, October 2012, Birmingham, AL

CTR EXAM for 2012

September 8-22, 2012

Application due by July 31, 2012

Download the 2012 CTR Exam Handbook & Application http://www.ncra-usa.org/handbook

REPORTING SCHEDULE (2011 Cases)		
Current Date	Level of Completeness	Cases Due (Timeliness)
Jul 2011	8%	Jan 2011
Aug 2011	17%	Feb 2011
Sep 2011	25%	Mar 2011
Oct 2011	33%	Apr 2011
Nov 2011	42%	May 2011
Dec 2011	50%	Jun 2011
Jan 2012	58%	Jul 2011
Feb 2012	67%	Aug 2011
Mar 2012	75%	Sep 2011
Apr 2012	83%	Oct 2011
May 2012	92%	Nov 2011
June 2012	100%	Dec 2011

FHS Bureau Picnic

On Friday, May 5th, ASCR employees participated in the FHS Bureau Picnic in Kiwanis Park. ASCR took time out to enjoy hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans, chips, and numerous desserts. We also played games and had the opportunity to meet with other agencies within the FHS bureau. It was a good morale booster for all.