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MISSOURI Cancer Registry Newsletter

Newsletter for Registrars including Timeliness Reminders, Calendar of Events and Updates



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We've not published a newsletter lately, but Sue has been transmitting important information via e-mail in her occasional "MCR mini-updates." Please review these thoroughly – they contain important information about hospital registry issues, such as timeliness, new reporting requirements, etc. These e-mailed updates only go to MCR's main hospital contact, so please share the information with other registry staff. We have begun posting the "mini-updates" on the MCR website, under "Publications."

Congratulations:

We congratulate MCR staffer Brenda Lee, who was installed as the 2007-2008 MoSTRA president last month. Way to go, Brenda!! (see photo to the right)



Congratulations also to Deb Smith for being named most outstanding MoSTRA member during the installation meeting in Hannibal last month!

Kudos to Saba Yemane, our database administrator, on becoming a SQL Server 2000 DBA Certified Professional. Not only did Saba have to take four courses, she had to pass a stiff exam for each course. This represents quite an achievement, not only for Saba but for the central registry. There are not many cancer registries that

have their own Certified Professional SQL Server DBA on staff.



2007-2008 MoSTRA President, Brenda Lee and crew during the recent installation meeting in Hannibal, MO

Check out the Volume 17, Issue 19 of the Advance for Health Information Professionals. In "Reeling in the Registrars," Sue Vest discusses creative ways to recruit and retain qualified registry staff http://health-information.advanceweb.com/common/EditorialSearch/AViewer.aspx?AN=HI_07sep10_hip14.html&AD=09-10-2007.

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Timeliness Reminder:

All cases with 2006 diagnosis dates should have already been submitted.

Hospital & Central Registry Webinars:

The Heartland Division of the American Cancer Society is providing the funding for the 2008 Webinar Series. We sincerely appreciate this important contribution. For webinar details, please go to the MCR website or see the schedule included on page 3.

Web Plus:

MCR began beta-testing the Web Plus upload function in July with North Kansas City and Boone Hospital Center. Their input was valuable to the CDC in correcting some software issues. We appreciate everyone's patience during the switch to Web Plus. We are still testing the beta version and the CDC is continuing to make improvements in the software based on our recommendations, so your input continues to be valuable.

We have also been testing the DCO follow-back function and had to postpone the process temporarily due to software issues. We think the problems have been corrected and will test DCO with a small number of facilities. Next year, we hope to perform DCO follow-back to all electronically reporting hospitals with Web Plus.

New Central Registry Software:

MCR is making preparations to begin using the CDC's central registry software, CRS Plus. In August, several MCR staff participated in a two-day software training session with the Michigan Cancer Registry. MCR staff are currently testing and will go live in a few weeks.

Computer-based Training (CBT) Modules:

We're excited about this new training method that allows individuals to participate at their own convenience. It also allows MCR to provide training to all cancer reporters not just cancer registrars. Each module includes educational information along with a quiz. Participants who successfully

pass the quiz may print a "certificate of completion." Our first module reviews case finding at smaller hospitals that send charts to MCR. We also have modules for physician offices about reporting cases in Web Plus. We are now developing a module for cancer reporting by long-term care facilities.

CancerCare Teleconferences:

Several MCR staff have been listening to some of the CancerCare teleconferences. CancerCare is a national nonprofit organization that provides free, professional support services to anyone affected by cancer: people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones, and the bereaved. During the session, a physician provides an overview of the type of cancer, including anatomy, treatment options, etc. as well as updated treatment information shared at ASCO conferences. These free conferences might be helpful for the beginning registrar or one without much medical background. Please note: the second half hour is mostly psychosocial; we didn't listen to that portion.



Topics we've listened to include:

- Medical Update on Lung Cancer from the 2007 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting
- Colorectal Cancer: Report from the 2007 American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Annual Meeting
- Emerging Treatments for Mantle Cell Lymphoma

For information about upcoming topics

and to register, log on to <http://www.cancercare.org/> or http://www.cancercare.org/get_help/tew_archive/index.php. Look for the sessions listed under "cancer type." You may also listen to previously-recorded sessions. Telephone Education Workshops podcasts are available in two file formats: **Real Player** and **MP3**.

ACS offers Health Challenge:

Got a spare minute or two? Why not take the American Cancer Society's "Great American Health Challenge?" It's an online test to determine how you can live a healthier life and help prevent cancer. You'll get a personalized Health Action Plan based on your responses. http://www.cancer.org/docroot/subsite/greatamericans/health_check.asp

Oncosurge:

Oncosurge <http://www.evidis.com/oncosurge/> provides a treatment decision model for individuals with colorectal liver mets. It is provided free of charge by an organization named Evidis. (Site mentioned by a physician during a CancerCare teleconference.)

News From the Collaborative Staging Steering Committee:

Coding Prostate Cancer: A Message from the Collaborative Staging Steering Committee - Clarification on the Use of Outside Resources for Coding Prostate Cancer. A great deal of confusion surrounds the interpretation of clinical reports with regard to whether the prostate cancer was apparent or inapparent. In 1998, SEER published an interpretation of "apparent" and "inapparent" terms for use in their Extent of Disease (EOD) Coding System for prostate cancer. This list was in effect for prostate EOD cases diagnosed in 1998-2003. There were several questions regarding whether this list could be used in Collaborative Staging (CS). After consultation with the AJCC curators for genitourinary disease, the CS Steering Committee has determined that the SEER list of terms for apparent and inapparent in the SEER Extent of Disease Manual is NOT to be used for interpreting

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- Sponsored by the American Cancer Society, MCR is presenting a series of **FREE** webinars developed by NAACCR for Missouri hospital registrars.
- Each webinar will address cancer data collection for a specific site and will include information on anatomy, multiple primary and histology coding rules, collaborative staging, and treatment data items.
- Exercises with answers and rationale will be presented.
- Participants are able to ask questions; answers will be provided during the session.

Registration is REQUIRED - Seating is limited, so please register early!

8 WEBINARS - 8:00AM to 12:00PM

October 4, 2007	Abstracting Melanoma Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data
November 8, 2007	Abstracting Gynecological Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data
December 6, 2007	Hospital Cancer Registry Operations
February 14, 2008	Cancer Treatment and How to Code It: Surgery, Radiation, Systemic, and Other
March 6, 2008	Abstracting Thyroid & Larynx Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data
May 8, 2008	Data Quality and Data Use
July 10, 2008	Abstracting Upper Gastrointestinal Tract Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data
September 11, 2008	Abstracting Other Digestive System Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data



LOCATIONS

Missouri Cancer Registry - Columbia MO (MU campus)

St. Louis University - St. Louis MO

To be announced - Kansas City MO

Southeast Missouri Hospital* - Cape Girardeau MO

**not available in October*



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A Special Thanks to the Hosting Hospitals!

2007 Quarterly Calendar

Awareness Months

October

October 4

Hospital Registry Webinar
Abstracting Melanoma Cancer Incidence & Treatment Data

October 15

Monthly/Quarterly Hospital Reporting Deadline (300-500)
For cases diagnosed in Jan/Feb/Mar 2007

Monthly Hospital Reporting Deadline (>500)
For cases diagnosed in March 2007

October 25-26

Basic Registry Training Workshop—St. Peters, MO

October - Breast Cancer**November—Lung Cancer**

November

November 3-7

APHA Annual Meeting—Washington, DC

November 8

Hospital Registry Webinar
Abstracting Gynecologic Cancer Incidence & Treatment Data

November 13

KCATRA—KU Medical Center, Kansas City, MO

November 15

Monthly Hospital Reporting Deadline (>500)
For cases diagnosed in April 2007

December

December 6

Hospital Registry Webinar
Hospital Cancer Registry Operations

December 15

Monthly Hospital Reporting Deadline (>500)
For cases diagnosed in May 2007

reports for Collaborative Staging. While it was a convenient tool for registrars, the curators are of the opinion that the use of the list will lead to misinterpretation of reports. Rather, the curators recommend that registrars rely on a direct physician statement of apparent or inapparent disease for Collaborative Staging. It is not anticipated that prior cases will require review and recoding.

In addition, the CS Steering Committee is working on an update that will be released on October 31, 2007 as Version 01.04.00. The release does not contain major changes. Your software should be updating their products.

As of October 31, the CS Web site, <http://cancerstaging.org/cstage/index.html>, will include resources

required to implement the new version, and the AJCC will be hosting national Web conferences to review the changes.



Online Help:

The CDC now offers Cancer Registrars an online help feature providing technical and installation information which can be found on their website at: http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/registryplus/rpoh_tech_info.htm.

October Events:

If your facility is sponsoring a special event during October for Breast Cancer Awareness, please send us photographs and stories to share in an upcoming newsletter. We also welcome any suggestions or ideas you may have for features you'd like to see in future editions of our newsletter. *Please send any photographs, stories or suggestions to: Shari El Shoubasi, email: elshoubasis@health.missouri.edu*



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