Hello Everyone!

This year is really flying. Guess that is what happens when you are having fun!! MCR staff are concentrating on finalizing the data for the NAACCR Call for Data that is due on or before December 1. Of course, Saba pushes us very hard to have the data ready before Thanksgiving.

Congratulations to all the new MoSTRA board members. I believe that we have one of the best (if not THE best) state organization in the nation. Our meetings are always very beneficial and applicable to the profession. I am looking forward to being in Hannibal in 2007. I have never been to Hannibal so this will be a new experience.

On page 2, there is a brief overview of the survey that we conducted at the MoSTRA Annual Meeting in September. Your responses indicate that you would like to have more QA feedback and death matching. Deb Smith and I have been reviewing possible ways to increase the QA feedback as is part of the bigger process of tracking data from receipt to finalization. In addition to the current email receipt that reporting facilities receive when data is submitted, we are discussing 1-2 additional emails detailing the number of cases loaded, QA results, etc.

Providing up to date death info is a more difficult project. We are working with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to get deaths on a quarterly basis. That is the first step. We also have to be able to link the death information to the MCR data in a way that conforms to our confidentiality policies. We do not want to send data on a patient that the hospital has not submitted. We also want to make sure that all hospitals that submitted that patient/case receive the death info.

As I expected, the recent MCR Mini-update regarding the use of 9’s in the diagnosis date has created some static. The temporary change to the manual is because our software is unable to calculate Age at Diagnosis or properly consolidate cases if any part of the date is unknown. We are working with the software vendor to solve this problem. We have always "strongly recommended" that dates be estimated rather than use 9’s but we also understand that hospitals and cancer committee’s may have different policies. The policy of your hospital/cancer committee should be followed, especially since the standard setters allow the use of 9’s. If the date can be accurately estimated, please do so.

The first hospital webinar was held on October 12, 2006. There were 45-50 attendees among the 4 locations. Some of the comments from those attending indicated that the information was a little basic. But, the new multiple primary/histology rules are covered (for that specific site) and it is a very “cheap” way to get CE hours. And...it never hurts to have a little review occasionally. So...why don’t you sign up for the next one which will be held December 14th. MCR staff will try to attend at least one session at each location.

...hoping everyone has a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving holiday!

Sue

KCATRA Officers

Please join us in congratulating this years new KCATRA Board Members: President—Cathy Sanderson, President-elect—Debra Church, Secretary—Nancy Bush and Treasurer—Debra McDowell. Congratulations, ladies!! The last scheduled meeting this year is November 21, 2006 at North Kansas City Hospital.
MoSTRA Board 2006-2007

Please join us in congratulating this years new MoSTRA Board Members:

President, Louanne Currence - (NKCH)
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Results from MoSTRA Questionnaire

At the MoSTRA meeting in September, MCR made available a short survey asking the attendees "What do you need from MCR?" Below are the responses and a graph showing the results.

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- Spend A Day @ MCR
- Scholarships
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[Graph showing the results]
Top left: MoSTRA liaison Sheri Goodwin presenting, "What Did I Learn?" from her experiences earlier this year during the NAACCR meeting in Washington DC. Top right: Alice in Wonderland was the theme at this year's Annual MoSTRA Meeting. Our newly elected 'leaders' and other members are pictured clockwise. Marlena Barman, Louanne Currence, Sally Thrillkill (standing in for Connie Hess), Julia Schnieders, Sherri Goodwin, Ken Reiter, Cathy Sanderson, Nancy Rold, Brenda Lee and Kathy Donelson. Middle right: Dinner during the MoSTRA Installation Banquet Thursday evening. From left to right: Frances Myers, Lorene Fleming, Julia Schnieders, Cindy Corse, Nancy Bush and Shirley Rohrs. Bottom right: Question and answer time from the Missouri Registrars Management Panel. From left to right: Rosie Warren, Sue Vest, Marlena Barmann, Lori Grove, Sally Thrillkill and Louanne Currence. Bottom left: Presenter - Dr. Edward Friedlander speaking on Pathology Secrets.

Links to presentations given during the MoSTRA meeting will be included on MCRs website shortly.
Fun with MCR

Left: Halloween at MCR. Staff enjoyed a day of costumes, food and visiting with both seniors and pre-schoolers located within the building. Clockwise, Cate Ellis (witch), Deb Smith (glamour girl), Jeannette Jackson-Thompson (cat/Egyptian Queen), Angela Warner (Mexican hat), Lisa Tweeddale (clown) and Sue Vest (Marine).

Right: Sue taking time out during the annual NAACCR meeting in Saskatchewan earlier this year.

Timeliness

If you submit data monthly, cases diagnosed in April 2006 are due by November 15th and cases diagnosed in May 2006 are due by December 15th.

If you submit data quarterly, cases diagnosed in April, May, & June (2006) are due by January 15th.

Please send all correspondence regarding timeliness to Hope’s email address: (morrisho@health.missouri.edu).

Honorary CTR

MCR has a new (Honorary) CTR. Because Saba Yemane is such an asset to MCR and reporting facilities, we created a certificate naming her an "Honorary CTR." Saba is very meticulous regarding the data and often thinks just like a CTR. We felt that she should receive this honor to let her know how much she is appreciated. Thanks Saba!!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to two Missouri registrars elected to positions on the NCRA Board: Carlene Anderson, Lake Regional Hospital, one of two Midwest representatives for the Nominating Committee and Sue Vest, MCR, was elected to the Council on Certification. Way to go ladies!

MCR Online

- We have added a link to Abstract Plus on our Abstracting Resources page. In addition to the link, the Abstract Plus manual is available for download as well.
- We would like to remind everyone that the address to our website does not include a ‘www.’ prefix. If the ‘www.’ prefix is used when attempting to access our website, users will be directed to the website for MU healthcare. http://mcr.umh.edu/
- If there are other links/items that you would like to see added to the website, send either myself or Nancy Cole (colen@health.missouri.edu) an email.
New Casefinding Codes

Effective October 1, 2006: The ICD-9-CM code for “Other lymphatic and hematopoietic tissues of uncertain behavior” has been expanded from 238.7 to 238.71-238.76 and 238.79. Attached is a list of the new reportable codes. Please add these new codes to your casefinding list.

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Note: The final addendum providing complete information on changes to the diagnosis part of ICD-9-CM is posted on the CDC’s webpage at: [www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd9.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/icd9.htm)

New CS Staging

The Collaborative Staging Task Force announced the release of Collaborative Staging (CS) version 01.03.00, on September 8, 2006. The CS Task Force resolved issues and enhanced the documentation to improve the quality of data collection. The task force extended its appreciation to those who participated in the CS Reliability Study, which identified many issues, as well as the individuals who submitted items.

All files for this release, including the CoC requirements for approved programs, can be downloaded at: [http://cancerstaging.org/cstage/index.html](http://cancerstaging.org/cstage/index.html), the CS Web page. An updated version of Part 1 of the manual that includes minor clarifications will be available soon. Watch the CS Web page for this posting.

The new Collaborative Staging and Coding Manual may be downloaded and saved to your computer for use in daily abstracting. If you need assistance, instructions on “Downloading and Using the New CS Manual” have been posted on the Web page. This guide instructs users on how to save the manual to their computer desktop, a process that makes it easy to locate and open the manual for use in abstracting. It also provides helpful hints in utilizing this file with Adobe Reader.

General questions regarding CS can be submitted to Donna Gress, RHIT, CTR, AJCC Technical Specialist at [AJCC@facs.org](mailto:AJCC@facs.org). All technical and coding questions regarding CS should be submitted to the Inquiry and Response System at [http://web.facs.org/coc/default.htm](http://web.facs.org/coc/default.htm).

Tool for Melanoma risk assessment

An interactive tool designed by scientists at the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the University of Pennsylvania, and the University of California, San Francisco, to estimate a person’s absolute risk of developing invasive melanoma. The tool helps clinicians identify individuals at higher risk of melanoma in order to plan appropriate screening interventions with them. [http://www.cancer.gov/melanomarisktool/](http://www.cancer.gov/melanomarisktool/)

Useful Links

The following sites have useful information for registrars and other cancer-related specialties.


Same site, but includes links to Missouri Cancer Information network giving the latest cancer news: [http://missouricancerinfo.com/](http://missouricancerinfo.com/)

Amgen supported site giving lots of information about cancer & treatment; offers support in the form of ongoing emails during chemo, or through volunteer contacts: [http://www.chemotherapy.com/index.html](http://www.chemotherapy.com/index.html)
MCR is presenting a series of **FREE** webinars developed by NAACCR for 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 and 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 12, 2006**  
  Abstracting Head and Neck Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data

- **December 14, 2006**  
  Abstracting Central Nervous System Tumor Incidence and Treatment Data

- **January 11, 2007**  
  Abstracting Urinary System Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data

- **February 8, 2007**  
  Abstracting Lymphoma Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data

- **March 8, 2007**  
  Abstracting Colon and Rectum Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data

- **May 10, 2007**  
  Abstracting Prostate Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data

- **June 14, 2007**  
  Abstracting Lung Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data

- **September 13, 2007**  
  Abstracting Breast Cancer Incidence and Treatment Data

**LOCATIONS**

- Missouri Cancer Registry - Columbia MO (MU campus)
- Cox Health Systems - Springfield MO
- St. Louis University - St. Louis MO
- Liberty Hospital - Kansas City MO
- Research Medical Center - Kansas City MO

To register, or for more information contact Hope Morris (MCR)

morrisho@health.missouri.edu  ■  (573) 882-7775

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