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Goal
The ultimate goal of collecting cancer information is to prevent and control cancer and improve patient care

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Result
Assist physicians in assessing the efficacy of diagnostic and therapeutic methods

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Result
Aide in the decision making about unmet needs, physician recruitment, space needs, resource allocation, and health planning

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Result
Respond to local needs through an assessment of referral patterns, cancer trends, and development opportunities

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Cancer Registries collect a wide range of cancer-related information; including —

- Demographics

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Cancer-related Information

- Medical history
- Diagnosis and prognosis indicators
- Treatment patterns
- Cancer recurrence
- Survival rates
- Health care insurance coverage
- Patient eligibility for clinical trials

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National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)
National Vital Statistics System (NVSS)

Cancer mortality comes from State Health Depts. to the CDC's NCHS

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National Program of Cancer Registries
<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/NPCR/>



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NPCR is expanding efforts to improve and use cancer data by:

- Providing technical assistance to registries to help ensure data completeness, timeliness, and quality
- Coordinating and convening meetings of registry personnel for information sharing, problem solving, and training
- Helping states and national organizations use cancer data to describe state and national disease burdens, evaluate cancer control activities, and identify populations at risk for certain cancers
- Collaborating with federal, state, and private organizations to design and conduct research using data collected through state registries

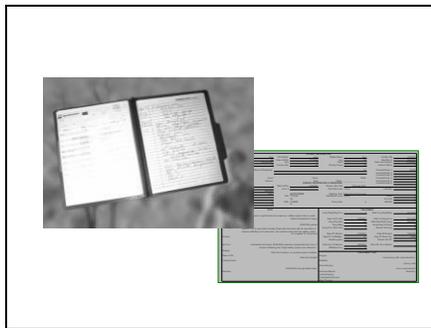


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Abstracting

Abstracting is converting a patient's written medical record to uniform data

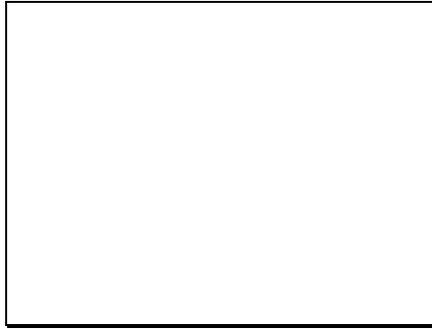
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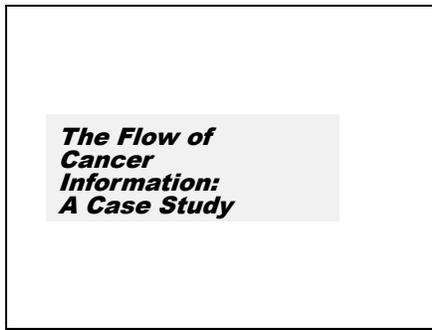
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Cancer Registries have embraced technology

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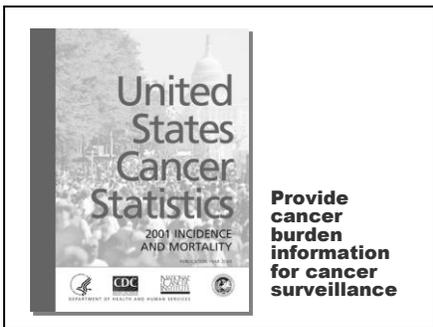
Cancer information is used in thousands of ways, including —

Evaluate patient outcome, quality of life, and satisfaction issues and implement procedures for improvement

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Evaluate efficacy of treatment modalities

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The Cancer Registrar must have comprehensive knowledge about cancer diagnoses, treatment, and information management

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Education for Health Information Management Professionals and Cancer Registrars are similar

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The Cancer Registrar is a key member of health care team



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Certification ensures quality results



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Additional benefits: certification

- Establishing a standard of knowledge and experience
- Measuring the requisite knowledge of CTR® applicants
- Promoting professional growth and individual study
- Formally recognizing Cancer Registrars who meet certification requirements

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NCRA's Certification Examination

- 1983 National Tumor Registrars Association, (now NCRA) established the first certification examination for tumor registry professionals
- 2003 NCRA established the Council on Certification
- Council on Certification Web site: <http://www.ctrexam.org>

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NCRA: Resources for Registrars

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**NCRA represents
Cancer Registry
professionals and CTRs**



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NCRA Mission Statement

- To promote education, credentialing, and advocacy for Cancer Registry professionals



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