

AR. Central Cancer Registry (ACCR) Updates



AR Central Cancer Registry is receiving records with missing primary sites, date of diagnosis, histology and behavior codes. These data items must be resolved for the records to be added into our database. When these records are imported into our system, they are put into a suspend file because of the missing data items. Please run edits on your data, and make sure all records are complete.



Upcoming Events



June 5-6 2006 **Arkansas Cancer Summit VII: "Essential Pieces of Cancer Control"**
Fayetteville Town Center, 15 W. Mountain Street, Fayetteville, AR. **Pre-Summit Coalition meeting** May 24, 2006, University of AR at Pine Bluff.

June 8 – 9, 2006 **ACCR Annual Training Workshop**, Wynham Hotel, North Little Rock AR.
Please bring Collaborative Stage sections for breast, lung, and prostate. Also all your hematopoietic questions.

July 17- 21, 2006 **Basic Registry Principles, April Fritz**, American Cancer Society 901 N. University Ave. 72203
For more information, contact Johnnie Jackson 501 661-2960

FYI (for your information)



Revisions were made to ACCR policy and procedures regarding timely data submissions. Beginning July 1, 2006 ACCR will implement new standards for timely data submissions. The new standards will be given to registrars during the ACCR annual June workshop. These standards will also be shared with hospital administration.



THANKS to all of you for your data submissions, ACCR received the NAACCR **SILVER** certification award for 2003 data submission.



Arkansas was well represented at the 32nd NCRA Annual Educational Conference in Washington, DC May 5-8, 2006. The nominating committee chair for this conference and for next year's conference is Dianna Wilson, RHIA, CTR, EIDorado, AR. Committee members included Tammy Newman, CTR, Jonesboro, AR and Shannon Hart, CTR, Colorado via Jonesboro AR.

The Central Registry SIG leader is Alfreda Smith, CHES, CTR, Texas via Little Rock, AR.

Presented for the first time was a concurrent workshop, "The Fundamentals of Abstracting". One committee member and presenter was Theressia Mitchell, RHIT, CTR, Little Rock, AR.

There were many great sessions with lots of great information. Arkansas Central Cancer Registry will have CDs available for those who were unable to attend and would like to view the conference. You can be receive CE hours for a cost to be paid to NCRA.



As experience abstractors, we gain knowledge of how patients are treated for certain cancers, but we shouldn't assume treatment will be given. Treatment codes should be entered only if there is documentation in the medical record that states treatment was planned or done.



Non-Reportable Files



Please do not forget to submit non-reportable files. Use the following format and submit as an Excel or Access file. Thank you.

<u>Last name</u>	<u>First name</u>	<u>DOB</u> mmddyyyy	<u>SSN</u>	<u>DX date</u> or <u>1st date of contact</u>	<u>ICD-03 site code</u> Example: C509	<u>Comments:</u> reason for being nonrpt.
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Refractory cytopenia with multilineage dysplasia (9985) is a synonym for myelodysplastic syndrome, unclassified (9989/3, 238.7). Both histologies are reportable. This was brought to our attention by Melissa Riddle CTR, registrar for St. Vincent's Hospital.



If your registry has a new abstractor, please let the Central Registry know. We would like to send a new abstractor package. Please contact Amy Greer at 501-661-2141 or agreer@healthyarkansas.com



Congratulations, to **Cheryl McNeil** for receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Information Management from AR Tech University in Russellville. Cheryl works at the VA Medical Center in Fayetteville.



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