

# ArCRA Newsletter



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## Message from the President

Hello fellow ArCRA members! I hope this newsletter finds you healthy, happy and still employed in a CTR related profession! This past year has been plagued with poor economic times and uncertainty and I do hope that you are all 'hanging in there' and fighting the cancer fight. It is imperative that you inform or keep reminding your managers and administrators of how important your position is to cancer surveillance in this State. You are your biggest advocate and it's up to you to prove your worth! During National Cancer Registrars Week, I submitted a letter to your administrators (see attached) and I will be asking at the annual ArCRA meeting if any of you received any recognition because of it.

Killing two birds with one stone...



By the time you get to read this, my reign as your president will almost be over. As I reflect on the past year I can't help but think "if it's been hard on me, then it must have been hard on everyone else". When things change or when times get hard we tend to fall behind and juggle our priorities. If this has happened to you then you understand my conflict. How do I accomplish the goals of my program and fulfill my obligation as President? At first, when I reflected on my performance as president of this association, I didn't feel particularly proud of my accomplishments. Mostly, I worked on my own agenda in which my goals came from the needs of the central cancer registry. For two years we have been pushing for: more attention (marketing) for cancer surveillance/registries; higher demand/salaries for CTRs; better relationships with peers; increased workforce by recruiting HIM students; improved education/training opportunities and above all else, for our state registry to be NAACCR Gold Certified. However, now as I reflect on these goals, I believe that I did accomplish a lot for our state association. This association should focus on issues that affect cancer surveillance in this state because after all, isn't that our ultimate purpose as CTRs? As ArCRA President I do realize ArCRA might need by-law changes, new committees and increased membership but I intentionally didn't pursue any of those needs because of membership time constraints and even more important basic issues that needed to be addressed first. The fact is, your registries need the attention from your administrators; you need job opportunities and higher salaries for growth; you need to know you can count on your peers when you need help; when positions become available in your registry, you need HIM students or CTR eligible recruits; you need education opportunities and permission from your managers and administrators to attend; and above all, you need your State registry to be NAACCR Gold Certified because all your hard work and efforts are wasted if the data can not be used in national data comparisons.



I am honored to have served as your ArCRA President. Initially when asked to run, I knew that I was too busy to take on additional tasks if elected but I also recognized that ArCRA needed its members to step up and serve. Like the idiom 'killing two birds with one stone' I am happy I was able to achieve two ends with one single effort. I hope all of you, especially those that have never served, plan to do your part in the coming years by working in committees or serving as board members. Each of us brings something different to the table and you never know, maybe you too will be lucky enough to kill two birds with one stone.



THANK YOU!

*Gigi White, CTR*  
2008-09 ArCRA President



## **NOMINATION & INDUCTION PROCEDURES 2009-2010 ARCRA BOARD MEMBERS**

It's time for nominating the new board members for 2009-2010. Kathy Dunaway is the President for the new term and she has an innovative way of meeting with no travel involved. "Web-X" is an audio/visual tool that allows communication via a toll-free number and visually documents and agenda are seen on your home computer. There may be one time you will have to meet but you will be reimbursed for mileage. Please consider running for office! Remember, if you ever need help you can network with members who have served previously.

1. Members: please email [cynthia.gulley@arkansas.gov](mailto:cynthia.gulley@arkansas.gov) by August 15th with nominations for President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
2. A personal phone call will be made to the nominees and to see if he/she will accept his/her nomination.
3. An envelope with instructions, ballot, and a pre-paid postage return envelope will be mailed to every member on September 7<sup>th</sup> (back of the envelopes **must** be signed or your vote will not count).
4. Board members will meet and open envelopes tallying votes on Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.
5. Induction of new board members will be at the business meeting on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Terri Richardson is the Manager of Cancer Data Services at DeKalb Medical in Decatur, GA, and is a member of the Georgia Tumor Registrars Association. She serves on the NCRA Board of Directors as Advocacy & Technical Program Director of the East Region. Terri lives in Douglasville, GA, with her husband Floyd and their two dogs Logan and Scooter.**

## **“Read the Damn Manual”**

When I first came into the cancer registry way back in 1996 there was one thing I heard over-and-over again was to read the damn manual! I thought it was a little ironic because the Data Acquisition Manual (aka: DAM manual) was only used through 1995. The new book everybody was talking about was the Registry Operations and Data Standards (ROADS). Since that time many reference books have come and gone, but you know what? Wherever I go I still get the same advice – “read the damn manual”!

You might ask, what’s the big deal? We all know how to abstract. Besides, the software today has pull down menus and all your choices are right in front of you. Wrong! No matter how user friendly your vendor makes the software, the pull down menus are not enough. You are not going to find your general instructions, timing rules, and footnotes in a pull down menu!

I don’t know about you, but when I’m given a suspense list I tend to abstract my cases by site. I usually start with breast, my favorite site, and save the ones I like the least until last. I always encourage new abstractors to abstract by site. I don’t know if this is wise or not because as you do something repeatedly you gain confidence and you tend to think you know what you are doing.

As a manager, I don’t get the pleasure of abstracting very often, but once in awhile I make the time. A few months ago I decided to abstract a few breast cases. I wanted to make sure I still knew what I was doing; after all, I had two new abstractors and a student to teach. I took my list of cases and started analyzing the charts. I established a timeline, collected all the diagnostic and treatment information. I had the ER/PR and Her2 status. I was ready. These abstracts were going to be great. Feeling good, I started abstracting.

At that moment, I really felt good! What a change. I was going to take a break and abstract. For years, I have run reports, performed quality checks on our data, conducted studies, and looked for that missing treatment information! I became very good at identifying problems with someone else’s abstract. There was only one thing wrong – my Multiple Primary and Histology manual, my Collaborative Staging manual, my FORDS manual and my SEER manual were all on the book shelf behind me!

When it came time for our monthly review of the quality of registry data, I gave my cases to our Lead Abstractor to put in the stack with everybody else’s and we went to the physician’s office. The first case our Lead Abstractor handed the physician just happened to be one of mine. I was so sure that everything was correct, by the book you might say. You remember the books on the shelf behind me? My eyes about popped out of my head when the doctor’s red pen whipped out and circled a big fat mistake. Needless to say, I was so embarrassed and I don’t remember a whole lot about the review of the other cases. I will say, I learned a lesson that day and I share it with anybody that will listen...read the damn manual!

*Terri Richardson, RHIA, CTR*  
NCRA Board of Directors, ATPD - East

## UAMS Awarded NCI Grant for Cancer Research

By Mark Carter

5/18/2009 4:35:00 PM

A University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences clinical trial that explores a new way to provide early cancer diagnoses has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the National Cancer Institute.



Dr. Vladimir Zharov, director of the Phillips Classic Laser and Nanomedicine Laboratories at the Winthrop Rockefeller Cancer Institute at UAMS, is the recipient of the five-year grant, which will ultimately total roughly \$1.5 million. Zharov is researching a concept of nanomedicine designed to help provide for earlier detection of aggressive melanoma that progresses to incurable metastasis at an early stage.

In related news, Zharov and officials with the University of Arkansas at Little Rock's Nanotechnology Center unveiled Monday collaborative research pertaining to the identification of cancer cells using [carbon nanotubes](#).

The NCI grant will help fund clinical trials that utilize a technique known as in vivo photoacoustic flow cytometry, developed by Zharov and colleague Dr. Ekaterina Galanzha. Using this technique, researchers can identify and count a wide range of cell types, including those related to cancer, infection, cardiovascular disease, and the immune system. The technique uses lasers and nanoparticles to identify individual melanoma cells. In tests, researchers were able to detect a single melanoma cell among 1 billion blood cells.

In addition, the grant will enable Zharov to focus on detecting circulating tumors and predict if a tumor will spread.

Metastasis - when secondary tumors spread to other organs - is believed to be responsible for roughly 90 percent of all cancer deaths. Zharov's research is expected to help doctors diagnose cancer long before it reaches that stage.

# Arkansas Researchers Unveil Breakthrough Cancer Treatment

By Mark Carter

5/18/2009 2:46:00 PM

Scientists at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences haven't cured cancer, but on Monday unveiled research they believe will make cancer treatment less intrusive, less expensive and much more effective.



Within the next decade, traditional forms of cancer treatment such as surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy could be replaced by a process developed in Little Rock that uses carbon nanotubes to detect, track and ultimately destroy cancer cells.

The research, published in the *Journal of Biomedical Optics*, was announced at UALR by lead researchers Dr. Alex Biris, chief scientist with UALR's Nanotechnology Center, and Dr. Vladimir Zharov, director of the laser and nanomedicine labs of the Winthrop Rockefeller Cancer Institute at UAMS.

Their method entails targeting cancer cells with nanoparticles, 25,000 times smaller than the diameter of a human hair, which attach themselves to the bad cells and reveal to doctors the precise location of the cancer. The nanoparticles attached to the cancerous cells are then heated by a laser and destroyed.

Raman spectroscopy is the technology by which scientists can monitor and detect, in real time, nanoparticles moving through the circulation and detect cancer cells "tagged" with the carbon nanotubes. Successful experiments have been conducted on laboratory rats. The end result has been simply a dead cell within the subject and nanoparticles that within hours disintegrate.

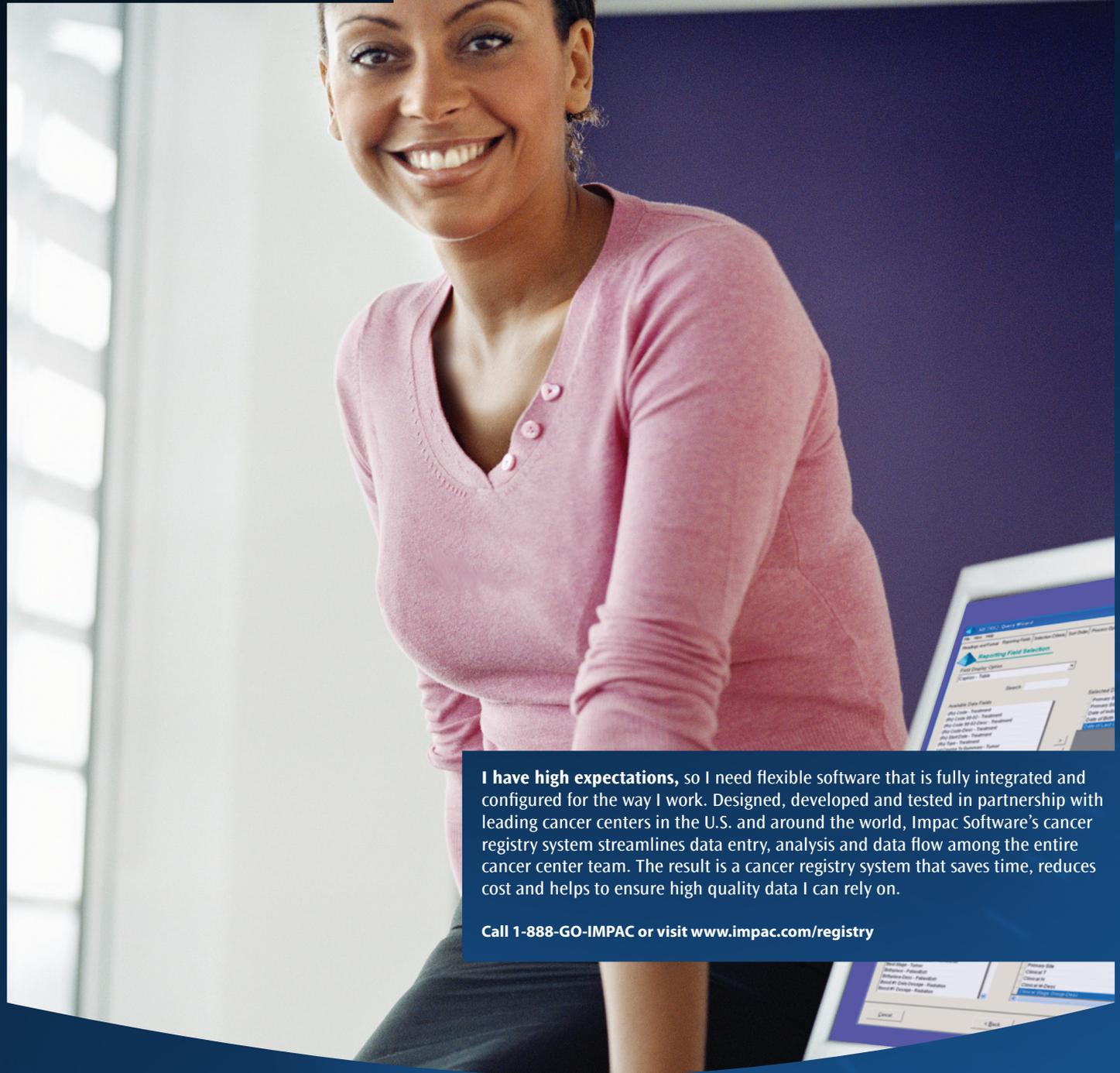
Through their research, Biris, Zharov and Dr. Ekaterina Glanzha of UAMS injected a single cancer cell containing carbon nanotubes into the tail vein of a test rat. Using a Raman spectrometer, they were able to follow the circulation of the nanotubes through the rat's blood vessels through the lymphatic system and tissue up to its ear.

From there, Biris and Zharov were able to tag the cancer cell, target it with a laser and destroy it.

The ramifications are far-reaching, said Dr. Daniel Casciano, project adviser and former director of the Food & Drug Administration's National Center for Toxicological Research at Jefferson. He estimated this new treatment could be commonplace and used in place of traditional cancer therapy within the next decade.

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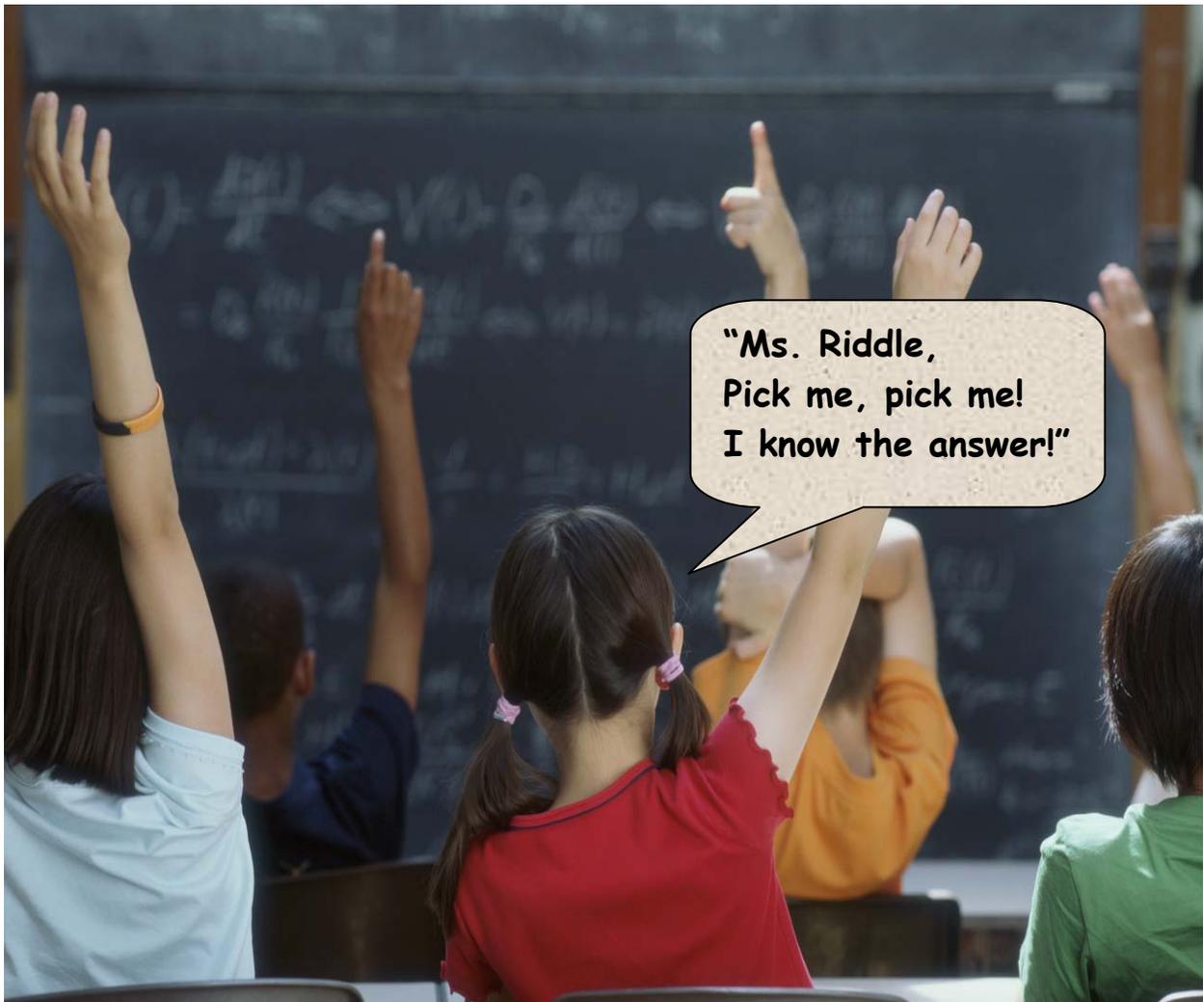
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# Education Corner



## Cancer Status

Please see the following I&R:

27889 9/25/2008	FORDS	FORDS / 201	If a pt had surgery, and the path said pos margins and they had no other tx, is the cancer status coded as evidence of disease and recurrence coded as 70 never disease free?	Cancer status is based on a statement from the patient's managing physician. Without a statement, the status is coded as unknown. A recurrence cannot be coded unless the patient was disease free. If the patient was never disease free, only the progression can be coded. The disease status cannot be based on margin status. <i>(I &amp; R Team)</i>
21377 2/22/2007	FORDS	FORDS / 201	If a patient was staged as distant, it was recorded as with evidence of disease, however, if a patient was staged as distant and received chemo/radiation, the managing physician stated patient was disease free or no evidence of disease. Do we record as no evidence of disease or distant with evidence?	Per FORDS, Revised 2009, cancer status is based on the information from the patient's physician or other official source such as death certificate. The patient's cancer status should be changed ONLY if new information is received from the patient's physician or other official source. In this case it would be recorded as no evidence of this tumor (1). <i>(I &amp; R Team)</i>

## PROSTATE

Tips For Collaborative Stage and Text Needed to Validate Your Codes  
Pages referenced are from "The Cancer Registry CASEbook, Volume I" by April Fritz

CS Fields	How to Code	Text
CS Extension - Clinical Ext	Code if the prostate cancer is CLINICALLY apparent or inapparent from the DRE information	<b>Must have DRE information...</b> Pg 279 at bottom of page gives DRE findings for clinically apparent tumors. If no info on DRE state that in your text and code 30...Localized, NOS
CS TS/Ext Eval	Code 1 for biopsy only Code 1 for TURP Code 4 for Prostatectomy	
SSF3	Pathologic Ext – Code extension for Prostatectomy only!	Code extension from the path report. If you have a path report, you should NEVER code 30- Localized, NOS, or 099-Unknown.

## Coding PROSTATE New Data Items Correctly

When coding multiplicity counter and multiple tumors abstract as one primary you should code 99 if it is not stated in your medical record for prostate cases. You can't assume that a prostate biopsy is multiple because multiple biopsies are taken.

Please see the following I&R:

28382 12/2/2008	SEER Multiple Primary & Histology	/	#25580 and 26759 state multifocal/multicentric means there are multiple tumors within the prostate. Does this apply when the patient had a core needle biopsy, no prostatectomy, and there are multiple cores positive for cancer?	In the prostate, the tumor may be disseminated throughout the prostate and core biopsies will find positive tissues in multiple sites. Without clinical documentation of individual nodules, do not assume that biopsies are showing separate lesions. Code "Type of Multiple Tumors" as 99 and "Multiplicity Counter" as 99. Curator (I & R Team)
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So, check those codes for your prostate cases. This is a great QA tool!

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## The Most Common Errors Found in Case Consolidation

**Date of First Course Treatment:** FORDS pg 129...Records the date on which treatment began at any facility. (i.e. surgery primary site, scope regional LN surgery, surgery other site, radiation, systemic treatment)

**Date of First Surgery:** FORDS pg 131...Records the first date on which any first course surgical procedure was performed. (i.e. surgery primary site, scope regional LN surgery, surgery other site)

**Date of Most Definitive Surgical Resection of Primary Site:** FORDS pg 133...Records the date of the most definitive surgical resection for the primary site.

**Date of Surgical Discharge:** FORDS pg 144...Records the date the patient was discharged following primary site surgery...this date corresponds to Surgical Procedure of Primary site and Date of Most definitive surgical resection.

## Example case scenario with answers below:

39 YO WM presents with cough and hemoptysis x 2 wks.

CT Chest 3-3-08...3.1 cm RUL mass c/w primary lung cancer, one large 1.8 cm pretracheal LN c/w adenopathy, left lung clear, no mets.

3-15-08 Thoracotomy w/ Mediastinal LN Biopsy

Path Report 3-15-08: 1.8 cm lymph node excised, positive for squamous cell carcinoma, see comment.

Comment: c/w a lung primary

Treatment plan: RUL resection of main tumor followed by adjuvant chemo.

Admit 3-23-08 - Discharged 3-26-08

3-23-08 Right Upper Lobe lobectomy

Path Report 3-23-08: 3.0 cm mod diff squamous cell carcinoma with neg margins.

4-1-08 Chemo initiated.

Date of First Course Treatment: 03152008

Reasoning=pt had a regional LN excised which is "Scope of Regional LN Surgery" and the date of first course treatment is the date which **any** treatment began (i.e. radiation, chemo, surgery primary site, surgery to regional LNs, surgery other site, etc.)

Date of First Surgery: 03152008

Reasoning=pt had a regional LN excised and "Date of First Surgery" includes primary site surgery, scope regional LN surgery, and surgery other site.

Date of Most Definitive Resection Primary Site: 03232008

Reasoning=this is the date there was surgery to the primary site (RUL lung)

Date of Discharge: 03262008

Reasoning=date of discharge of primary site surgery

Scope of Regional LN Surgery: 4

Reasoning=1-3 regional LNs removed

Surgical Procedure to Primary Site: 33

Reasoning=Lobectomy w/ mediastinal LN dissection

# Practice Cases

## Case 1:

2/9/07 56yo white female with recent findings of left breast cancer; the patient has undergone biopsy at an outside facility revealing invasive ductal carcinoma.

2/9/07 Left sentinel lymph node biopsy and axillary lymph node dissection.

S07-1234, 2/9/07 Left sentinel lymph nodes: 0/2; L axillary lymph nodes: 0/6

2/15/07 Patient recent lymph node dissection reveals no involvement. Patient wants to undergo excisional biopsy followed by radiation.

2/15/07 Left breast excisional biopsy

S07-4567, 2/15/07 Left breast biopsy: 1.0cm invasive ductal carcinoma, no in situ disease; margins negative

2/17/07 patient discharged with no problems/complications.

What is your date of first course treatment? \_\_\_\_\_

What is date of first surgical procedure? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the date of most definitive surgery? \_\_\_\_\_

What is surgical procedure of primary site? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your date of surgical discharge? \_\_\_\_\_

**Case 2:**

1/23/07 74 yo female with dysuria found to have a palpable pelvis mass on exam. Uterus & cervix are absent. No axillary/groin/neck lymphadenopathy. Had hysterectomy 20yrs ago.

2/1/07 BSO, bilat pelvic lymphadenectomy, omentectomy: 12cm mass R ovary abuts R sidewall/R ureter/bladder. Small amount of free pelvic fluid. Normal omentum. No palpable inguinal lymph nodes. Atrophic L tube/ovary. No visible evidence of tumor at end of procedure.

S07-8910, 2/1/07 R ovary: moderately differentiated mucinous cystadenocarcinoma. No involvement of capsule. R tube negative for malignancy. L tube/ovary/part omentum: atrophy. 0/2 para-aortic, 0/2 pelvic LN.

What is your date of first course treatment? \_\_\_\_\_

What is date of first surgical procedure? \_\_\_\_\_

What is surgical procedure of primary site? \_\_\_\_\_

What is surgery to regional lymph nodes? \_\_\_\_\_

What is surgery to other/distant sites? \_\_\_\_\_

## Practice Cases Answers:

### **Case 1:**

First Course Treatment Date: 2/9/07

Date of regional lymph node surgery (even though there was no cancer found in the lymph nodes you MUST code it)

Date of First Surgical Procedure: 2/9/07

Date of regional lymph node surgery (even though there was no cancer found in the lymph nodes you MUST code it)

Date of Most Definitive Surgery: 2/15/07

Surgical Procedure Primary Site: 22

Excisional biopsy/lumpectomy

Discharge Date: 2/17/07

### **Case 2:**

First Course Treatment Date: 2/1/07

Date First Surgical Procedure: 2/1/07

Surgical Procedure Primary Site: 57 - BSO, w/ omentectomy, w/ hysterectomy

Page 200, first bullet 'NOTE...pg 268 third bullet, 'NOTE:', "The Cancer Registry Casebook, Volume II" by April Fritz.

These two notes explain that if the patient had a previous surgery for cancer or another problem...the surgery code should reflect the previous surgery (removal of uterus & cervix) with the current surgery. The surgical code should indicate the status of the primary (s) organ at the completion of the procedure.

Scope Regional Lymph Node: 5

4 or more regional LN removed

Surgery other site: 0

None – the omentectomy is included in surgery code.



**Need help, clarification on codes, or just  
cancer registry education?**

Please call or email:  
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# The 2009 ArCRA Educational Conference Is Coming Soon...

This is going to be one  
**GROOVY**  
Conference!

Date: October 21 – 23, 2009  
Location: Eureka Springs, AR



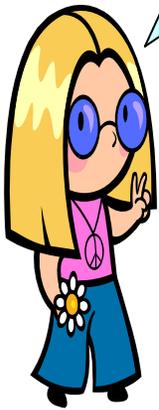
This Year's Theme:

**"THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGIN' "**

**BY BOB DYLAN**

Come gather 'round people  
Wherever you roam  
And admit that the waters  
Around you have grown  
And accept it that soon  
You'll be drenched to the bone.  
If your time to you  
Is worth savin'  
Then you better start swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone  
For the times they are a-changin'.

Make love  
not war!!!



## A MESSAGE FROM THE 2009 PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Hello ArCRA Members:

We have been working diligently to create the best conference ever! We are so excited about the agenda and social events for this year's meeting that we wanted to share some of the fun things we have planned. Every morning we will enjoy a delicious breakfast. On Wednesday and Thursday we will take an extended lunch break at noon so you can enjoy your lunch (on your own) while shopping in down town Eureka Springs. We will return at 3:00 p.m. for breakout sessions. One session is designed for beginners and the other is for advanced abstractors. You choose the class that fits your needs!



**Wednesday Night Is 1960 Dress Up & Karaoke Night!!**



We want everyone to dress hip in 1960 attire. Remember the style? Long hair, afros, hip hugger bell bottoms, psychedelic muumuus, bead necklaces, head bands, sandals, or no shoes. The three best costumes will be awarded **\$CASH\$** prizes...

1<sup>st</sup> place - \$100, 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$50, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$25. So hit those consignment shops and start getting your outfits ready. Oh and be sure to 'brush-up' on your 1960's hits for the 1960's karaoke sing along!!! (See below for some of the karaoke songs). The evening meal will include hamburgers, hot dogs with all the trimmings, and a sundae bar for dessert. YUMMO!!!!

Thursday evening is reserved for our business meeting which will also include a delicious meal. Friday will be half of a day so you will have time to travel back home.

To help us plan the budget, please email [Cynthia.gulley@arkansas.gov](mailto:Cynthia.gulley@arkansas.gov) with an RSVP if you plan on attending. Also, everyone will receive a conference t-shirt so include your t-shirt size.

Everyone will receive a formal registration and itinerary as the conference date gets closer. See you all soon!



Love and Peace from the 2009 Program Committee

#### KARAOKE SONGS

I'm A Believer...The Monkeys  
It's Not Unusual...Tom Jones  
Downtown...Petula Clark  
CA Girls...Beach Boys  
CA Dreamin...Mammas & Papas  
Can't Buy Me Love...Beatles  
I'm Leavin On A Jet Plane...Peter, Paul, & Mary  
Mustang Sally...Wilson Pickett  
Somebody to Love...Jefferson Airplane  
When A Man Loves a Woman...Percy Sledge  
Hey Jude...Paul McCartney  
RESPECT...Aretha Franklin  
These Boots Were Made For Walking...Nancy Sinatra  
I Got You Babe...Sony & Cher  
Sweet Caroline...Neil Diamond  
Surfin USA...Beach Boys  
Oh Pretty Woman...Roy Orbison  
Ooo Baby Baby...Smokey Robinson & The Miracles  
Piece of My Heart...Erma Franklin  
Born to Be Wild...Steppenwolf

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## **Upcoming Webinars:**

August 6<sup>th</sup>, NAACCR Webinar:

Breast

1-4pm

September 3<sup>rd</sup>, NAACCR Webinar:

Assessing and Using Cancer Data

8-11am

These Webinars will all be held at the ADH building  
in Little Rock.

For more information please contact:

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Terri Richardson, CTR  
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Winston-Salem, NC

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# LET'S GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL



LOOK WHO'S GETTIN' HITCHED!



Jennifer Fielding from the Little Rock VA is pictured with her handsome fiancé, Richard Shewmaker. The couple is to be wed on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Congratulations Jennifer and Richard!



Laura Pickering from the ACCR is pictured with her dapper fiancé, William DaBoll. The couple will be married on May 15, 2010. Congratulations Laura and Will!



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Linda Erkman celebrates her 30 year employment anniversary at UAMS.

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### ArHIMA NEWS...

Dr. Kathy Trawick was inducted as the ArHIMA President on July 1, 2009. She will reign as president until June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Melissa Riddle is the Chair of Marketing Relations and Lois Williams-Raynor is the Chair for the Education Conference.

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Shannon Hart is the new NCRA Educational Director.

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Dianne Ketchum of UAMS AHEC-SW is proud to announce:



*Donna Marlar* will graduate with her Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences with an emphasis on Administrative Leadership in August.



*Christy Dabbs* graduated with highest honors in May with her Associate of Arts degree.

Both of these ladies are working toward enhancing their cancer registry professions.

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Sherry Tuck from NARTI is recuperating from back-to-back weddings. Her son was married on Mother's Day and her daughter married on June 20<sup>th</sup>. Sherry is so proud to have two precious additions to her family, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law!

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Sue Ann Caudell from ACCR is proud to announce the birth of her first grandson, Chevy David. He was born July 21<sup>st</sup> at 12:32 p.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 6 oz. Sue Ann's son Kyle and his family are shown in the picture with Chevy. In addition to this news, Sue Ann's 16 year old son, Josh, led the Color Guard for the Junior ROTC at their church; this was his 3<sup>rd</sup> time to be in the Color Guard and he has earned his white beret.



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### Singles Personal Ad:

I'm a young single male desperately seeking companionship. I have an athletic build (aka short, dark, and handsome) and I would love to take long walks on the beach if there were any. I'm perfectly content to lie around, and besides being a bit co-dependant, I really don't have any bad habits. I love children and I LOVE to be loved. Please email me if you think we could be a match...or call if you just want to chat. Ask for me...Budget, 1 yr. old black Lab Aussie mix.

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Below are pictures from Gigi White's 20 year high school reunion that she attended the weekend of July 17<sup>th</sup>. The Sylvan Hills High School Class of '89 had 422 students and at least half attended the reunion. There was a social gathering at the Flying Saucer on Friday night, a family picnic on Saturday at Burns Park, and Saturday night was a formal gathering at Next Level Events. Gigi had a blast seeing all of her old friends, classmates, and bald ex-boyfriends!





Dianna Wilson's gorgeous granddaughter, Hannah Lynn.

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Excerpt from "Plugged In", May 21, 2009, Volume 3, Issue II  
The Communication Outlet for St. Bernards Employees

## National Cancer Registrars' Week

April 13-17 was National Cancer Registrars' Week. This week is designated to spotlight registrars' essential role in the nation's fight against cancer. **Sarah Fink, RHIA, CTR** has worked at St. Bernards since October 2007 and is the Cancer Registrar for the Medical Center. Cancer registrars are data management experts working in cancer treatment and research settings. They find, interpret and record a wide range of demographic and medical information on people with cancer. The information is submitted to state and national registries for use in research, treatment and prevention initiatives. Cancer programs are thus able to accurately determine cancer patient populations, measure outcomes of treatment and survival, and formulate plans for quality improvement.

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Anitta Schwander won “Best Dessert” over all the desserts at the St. Mary’s Dessert Tasting Contest on June 19, 2009. YUM!!! She’s sharing her recipe with us...

## Anitta’s No-Bake Toasted Coconut and Pecan Cake

### INGREDIENTS:

1 ½ cups graham cracker crumbs  
2/3 cup chopped pecans, divided  
½ cup butter or margarine, melted  
6 tablespoons sugar  
1 - 8 oz. pkg cream cheese, softened  
2 – 4 oz pkgs vanilla flavor instant pudding & pie filling mix  
1 1/3 cups flake coconut, divided  
1 - 8 oz. tub Cool Whip® topping, thawed  
3 ½ cups milk

### CRUST

Mix 1/3 cup pecans, melted butter, sugar, and graham cracker crumbs together; press firmly onto bottom of 9 x 13” pan.

### FILLING

Beat cream cheese on low until smooth. Gradually add ½ cup milk. Add remaining milk and the pudding & pie filling. Mix on low speed until well blended. Stir in 1 cup of coconut and pour over crust. Spread the whipped topping over the pudding mixture. Refrigerate until set about 2 hours.

### TOPPING

Toast remaining coconut and pecans and sprinkle over top of dessert.

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My boys and I went to Louisville, Kentucky to visit my sister and brother-in-law. We went to “The Downs After Dark”- Churchill Downs’ new night racing. It was very crowded but a lot of fun. My twelve year old son, Grant, won about \$65. My ten year old son, Nathan, and myself (age not disclosed), didn’t fare too well in the gambling department. Other activities my boys enjoyed were laser tag, bowling and a visit to the Kentucky Derby Museum. I enjoyed some ‘adult’ fun at TGI Friday’s with my sister. We spent a rainy Fourth of July watching awesome fireworks and enjoying a cookout at my sis’s home.

The boys are on a “traveling” basketball team and have won one tournament and placed second in two. Grant broke his arm at the first tournament but should be able to play in the one on July 24<sup>th</sup>. He now has a brace instead of a cast and is back to swimming (thank goodness that stinky cast is gone!). We have enjoyed traveling to Little Rock and Fayetteville and are hoping the team does well enough to attend the National Tournament in Kansas City, Kansas, in August.

We continue Mark’s healing journey since his accident 3 years ago. Although he will never regain what he has lost, we push forward and hope that he can improve.

Kathy Webber, CTR  
St. Joe’s

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Barbara Murchison and her family camped for 10 days in June at Pagosa Springs, CO. The two pictures of Barbara and her kids were taken at Piedra Falls north of Pagosa Springs. The meadow picture was taken going into the campground north of Pagosa springs; the mountain picture was taken in Silverton, CO. They enjoyed cool temps and lots of relaxation!



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These are pictures from my annual trip (July 10<sup>th</sup>) to see my big sister in Tennessee. The first one is of Parker wearing his "gobbles" and his "bathinsoup". The second is of my very attractive 70 year old father (single!) in the pool with my niece's daughter. And the last is of the kiddies and my dad on the diving board. If you want to meet my dad, contact me at [glynis.white@arkansas.gov](mailto:glynis.white@arkansas.gov) to start the formal screening process (**only serious applicants please**).



Fellow ArCRAns,

My position as ArCRA secretary is almost over and I had a blast being your secretary. The newly appointed 2009-2010 ArCRA Secretary will be stepping in soon. Those of you who consider running for this position please know that I will be available to help you. To show my gratitude to all of the members who put up with me...I'm sponsoring...

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Ha! Just kidding!! But seriously, I am giving \$20 to the member with the most original caption for the goofy photo below. Email me at [cynthia.gulley@arkansas.gov](mailto:cynthia.gulley@arkansas.gov) with your best caption by August 10<sup>th</sup>. I will blast an email to all the members with the list of anonymous captions. You all will vote on your favorite one and the registrar with the most votes will win a WHOPPIN' \$20 bill (which won't even buy a half a tank of gas ☺).



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