

NHSCR REGISTRY REPORT

Winter/Spring 2020



NHSCR UPDATES

Staff Changes

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Pauline McGinn, Senior Registrar, effective December 31, 2020. Pauline joined the NHSCR in 2014 to collect and abstract follow-up information as part of the PCO project. She later assisted with a variety of projects, including data processing, abstracting physician cases and abstracting at non-registry hospitals. Pauline was a dedicated cancer registrar since 1988 – 31 years! She worked as a registrar in Connecticut for 13 years before moving to New Hampshire, where she worked at Exeter Hospital for six years before joining us. We wish Pauline the very best in her new endeavors, but we will miss her!

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Cathy Geiger as the newest member of the NHSCR team who joined NHSCR as Data Manager in Dec 2019. Previously an independent climate researcher (ask her about sea ice!), Cathy transitioned her career to medical research including clinical research coordination at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center's Office of Clinical Research (OCR) where she recruited patients to trials. Cathy will be responsible for data management at NHSCR and will be your new first point of contact for data transmission questions.

Bruce Riddle retires from NHSCR effective February 26, 2020. In anticipation of Bruce's departure, some assignments and changes are taking place:

- All Web Plus issues such as new users, retiring users, change of passwords, and troubleshooting should be sent to Cathleen.A.Geiger@dartmouth.edu. Her office hours are Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30 to 4:30; she is not in on Wednesdays. Her phone number will be 603-653-6620.
- Questions on electronic pathology reporting should go to Cathy.

Valeria Luna (formerly Celaya) is on maternity leave with her new baby girl. She has since relocated to New Orleans, LA and will work remotely for us from her new home starting April 6th.



Congratulations to Val on her new baby, Mia Selina Luna!

NHSCR Hiring

In light of all the above staff changes, NHSCR is currently recruiting for an experienced CTR to work at our Lebanon, NH office. More information about the job opening can be found here <https://searchjobs.dartmouth.edu/postings/53330> and <https://searchjobs.dartmouth.edu/postings/53340>

Bruce Riddle Receives NAACCR Distinguished Member Award

The North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) has a number of awards designed to acknowledge the contributions of all dedicated volunteers. One of their more prestigious awards is the Constance L. Percy Award for Distinguished Service. This award was established to recognize an individual who contributed exceptional volunteer service to NAACCR during the past 12 months, or sustained, current, and long-term contributions to the organization. "For his imaginative contributions to push cancer registration into the future by forging new pathways well ahead of their time; and willingness to help the registry community with technical and process matters", we are very pleased to announce that Bruce Riddle received this award June 2019. Please join us in congratulating Bruce with this great achievement! More information available here:



<https://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/news/2019/bruce-riddle-recognized-by-cancer-registry-community/>.

NPCR Data Quality Evaluation

The CDC National Program of Cancer Registries requires every state cancer registry to undergo a data quality evaluation (DQE) every five years. NHSCR has been selected for this year's DQE. The DQE has three components: validation, completeness, and deduplication. The validation component focuses on year 2017 cases and evaluates for consistency of staging, biomarker, treatment, and treatment-related information for five primary sites (female breast, colorectal, lung and bronchus, prostate, and corpus uteri). A total of 365 cases will be randomly selected for the review. All facility abstracts associated with each of the cases will be reviewed for accuracy of coding based on the text provided. The results are used to assess the quality of data we collect, identify best practices and challenges, and determine training needs. It is important to note that while this evaluation is for NHSCR data, we may need to follow-back to hospital registries for additional information during the reconciliation process.

NHSCR Data Collection Manual

Last fall, the latest version of the NHSCR Data Collection Manual was posted on our website. This manual uses the CoC STORE manual as the basis, with NHSCR-specific requirements added where they differ from CoC. Please be sure to reference this manual as you abstract year 2018+ cases.

<https://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/nhscr/reporting/registrars/>

Quality Control

As we process data each month and clear edits, we come across data quality issues that are common among reporting facilities:

- Code meningiomas to the correct site code when information is available. We see many cerebral meningiomas coded to C70.9 when the correct code should be C70.0 with laterality coded.
- The data item Grade must be blank for cases diagnosed 2018 and later. Use only the new fields Grade Clinical, Grade Pathological, and Grade Post-Therapy.
- For cases diagnosed 2018 and later, SEER Summary Stage 2000 must be blank. Use the new SEER Summary Stage 2018 field.
- NPCR edits does not allow for DX Date to be blank for year 2019+. This includes non-analytic cases.

Completeness Reports

Due to the delays in the implementation of NAACCR v18, NHSCR did not issue completeness reports on year 2018 data last year. NHSCR produced completeness reports for cases received through December 31, 2019, the 4th and last quarter of the year. We are 79% complete with diagnosis year 2018 reporting from NH hospitals. (*More below regarding v18 due dates.*) To ensure full capture of 2018 cases, we are working on several follow-back requests:

- 2018 Path Reviews – To be done in March; follow-back lists to be sent in April 2020.
- 2018 MDI – Request will be sent for the 2018 Medical Disease Index in March; review to be completed by June; follow-back lists to be sent with the July quarterly upload.
- 2018 Death Clearance – Follow-back lists to be sent June 2019.
- 2018 Rapid/Definitive Matching – The list of unmatched rapids to be sent in August.
- 2018 Accession Numbers – The list of missing accession numbers to be sent in August.

NAACCR v18: Reporting Due Dates

NHSCR understands that we were all burdened by the complexity of NAACCR v18 implementation last year. As such, hospitals were given an extension for reporting year 2018 cases and instead of expecting all cases by June 30, 2019, the deadline was extended to December 31, 2019. Since then, registrars have had the opportunity to learn and adapt to the numerous changes of v18. With no new changes for 2019 and with registrars now beyond the learning curve, it is time to get back on schedule. With that said, we are asking for **all 2018 cases be completed no later than March 31, 2020. Cases diagnosed in year 2019 are to be completed and transmitted no later than September 30, 2020.** This includes both analytic and non-analytic cases. We hope that you find this new deadline helpful! Thank you for your patience and for the hard work as we continue working our way through implementation of NAACCR v18.

Web Plus

An effort is underway to implement the Web Plus email feature. Long ago, Web Plus would send an email when a file was uploaded by a reporter as a kind of receipt. The feature will hopefully return soon. A major upgrade to Web Plus is coming in first quarter of 2020. To date, we have no details, but we will keep you posted.

Non-registry Hospital Corner

All non-registry abstracting has been completed for diagnosis year 2017. NHSCR staff are currently reviewing 2018 pathology reports; review of medical disease indices and rapid abstracts are currently on hold while Val is on maternity leave; year 2018 audits will pick up again in April when she returns. In the meantime, please continue reporting your rapid case reports.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NHSCR Annual Meeting

We are in the process of planning the next NHSCR Annual Meeting to be held at DH-Nashua on Friday, Sept 18. Let us know if you have ideas on topics to be presented or speaker recommendations.

NAACCR Webinar Schedule

NHSCR continues to provide the NAACCR Webinars to our NH registrars. Please consider hosting one of the upcoming sessions.

- 03/05/20 Abstracting and Coding Boot Camp: Cancer Case Scenarios
- 04/02/20 Melanoma
- 05/07/20 Central Nervous System
- 06/11/20 Esophagus
- 07/09/20 Navigating the 2020 Survey Application Record (SAR)
- 08/06/20 Corpus Uteri
- 09/03/20 Coding Pitfalls



Attendees at the NHSCR 2019 Annual Meeting

If you cannot make it to the webinars but would still like to view them, NHSCR can provide you with access to the recording. Email Maria.O.Celaya@Dartmouth.EDU to find out how to get access or to host a webinar.

SEER*Educate

The SEER*Educate team released 120 practice cases and an Introduction to Genetic Nomenclature reference document, which is a brief introduction to some of the nomenclature, genetic alterations and molecular information needed to successfully code histology for the 2018 Histology (Heme and Lymphoid) drills. To practice or touch-up on coding primary site and applying the Solid Tumor Rules, go to the SEER*Educate website at: <https://educate.fredhutch.org/>

NCRA's Mini-Learning Shorts

For registrars that have limited time for training, the NCRA has created short, 10-minute or less, presentations free of charge. These include Summary Stage 2018 Overview, SSDI General Overview, and many more. They are available at <http://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/best-practices>.

2018 SEER Solid Tumor Rules

NCRA provides free training on 2018 SEER Solid Tumor Rules, General Instructions and a number of sites. The presentations are available on the NCRA educational website: <http://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/SEER>.

NCRA Informational Abstracts

To assist registrars in preparing abstracts, NCRA's Education Committee has created a series of informational abstracts and a presentation titled Using the Informational Abstracts in Your Registry that shows registrars how to use these important resources. These site-specific abstracts provide an outline to follow when determining what text to include. These were last updated Nov 2019. <http://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/rr>

STANDARD SETTERS

NCI SEER

The new SEER casefinding list effective 10/01/2019 – 09/30/2020 is now available on the SEER website: <https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/casefinding/> The Medical Disease Index review, a part of the NHSCR casefinding audit, is based on this casefinding list. We encourage facilities to review cases with diagnostic codes from the Comprehensive list, and if possible, the optional Supplemental list.

Commission on Cancer (CoC)

CoC posted an addendum to the STORE manual. The latest version is dated February 13, 2020. Per the addendum preface: For all cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2018, the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (CoC) requires its accredited programs to use the STandards for Oncology Registry Entry (STORE) Manual and other reference manuals specified in the STORE. The CoC has posted an Addendum that reflects changes and clarifications to the STORE Manual v1.0 since its original release on August 15, 2018. This document will be updated and re-posted as needed, and any changes will be communicated in The Brief and posted on the Cancer Programs News web page. Questions should be submitted to the CANSWER FSTORE addendum. https://www.facs.org/-/media/files/quality-programs/cancer/ncdb/ncdb_store_addendum.ashx

NAACCR

Every year, NAACCR produces the CiNA report, which provides the most current cancer incidence and mortality statistics for the United States and Canada. It also serves as the foundation for such publications as the American Cancer Society's Cancer Facts & Figures and the US Annual Report to the Nation. The latest CiNA report (2012-2016) was updated 01/17/2020 and the CiNA volumes are now available at <https://www.naacr.org/cancer-in-north-america-cina-volumes/>.

NHSCR Calendar

03/05	Webinar: Abstracting and Coding Boot Camp: Cancer Case Scenarios
04/02	Webinar: Melanoma
05/07	Webinar: Central Nervous System
05/25	Memorial Day Holiday; NHSCR office closed
05/31-06/03	NCRA Annual Educational Conference – Orlando, FL
06/11	Webinar: Esophagus
06/21-06/25	NAACCR Annual Conference – Philadelphia, PA
07/03	Independence Day Holiday; NHSCR office closed
07/09	Webinar: Navigating the 2020 Survey Application Record (SAR)
08/06	Webinar: Corpus Uteri
09/03	Webinar: Coding Pitfalls
09/07	Labor Day Holiday; NHSCR office closed
09/18	NHSCR Fall Meeting – Nashua, NH
11/26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday; NHSCR office closed
12/01	NPCR and NAACCR Call-for-Data due!
12/24-25	Christmas Holiday; NHSCR office closed
12/28-31	Winter Break; NHSCR office closed
1/1/21	New Year's Day Holiday; NHSCR office closed

WE NEED RAPIDS AND DEFINITIVES EACH AND EVERY MONTH!

Data transmissions should be made at least once a month. The simplest way to transmit is via the website. There's no zipping and it's secure. If you need help, please contact Cathy Geiger at 603-653-6620. She is always happy to help with sending your cases in!

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