

Oklahoma Achieves Excellence

By Leslie Dill

The OCCR received notification of gold certification from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) for its annual Call for Data submitted in November 2015. The submission included data from 1997-2013 and was evaluated for completeness of case ascertainment, quality of the data and timeliness. OCCR achieved the gold standard with 100% passing edits, 94.4% completeness, less than 1% missing data elements for sex, age, county and race, and less than 3% death certificate only cases.

The OCCR also received two awards from the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) which designated the registry as a “U.S. Cancer Statistics Registry for Surveillance” and a “2015 Registry of Distinction.”

OCCR is pleased to have been recognized by both NAACCR and NPCR. We wish to thank all of our reporting facilities for their role played through submission of timely and quality cancer data.



OCCR Case Collection Update

By Kaela Howell, RHIA

Originally, OCCR anticipated the conversion of our database to NAACCR version 16 would take place in June to early July. However, due to the delayed release of the version 16 metafile from NAACCR, the conversion is expected to take place in September 2016. If your facility has started abstracting 2016 diagnosed cases, please continue to hold those cases in suspense until our database has been converted. OCCR will notify all facilities when the conversion is complete and we are ready to accept 2016 cases.

If your facility is still abstracting 2015 cases, please attempt to submit all 2015 diagnosed cases to the OCCR before converting your system to version 16. This will help to ensure that all of your 2015 cases are current and accounted for in the OCCR database.

NOTE: Any facilities still in version 14 must convert their system to version 15 immediately. Version 14 files will be very difficult to submit once OCCR converts to version 16. Please contact your facility consultant if you need assistance.

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St. Anthony Shawnee Hospital Cancer Registry

By Marva Dement, BBA, BS, CTR

The summer 2016 OCCR newsletter is spotlighting the St. Anthony Shawnee Hospital Cancer Registry.

The Shawnee registry was established in 1992. The hospital has a total of 96 beds and an annual caseload for the most completed year is 250 cases. St. Anthony Shawnee has two medical oncologists – Aleda Toma, M.D. and Saadia Chohan, M.D., three radiation oncologists – Michael Confer, M.D., Melissa Boersma, M.D., and Elaine Nordhues, M.D. Other staff members include a chaplain, Bill Simpson, four social workers, and a nutritionist.

St. Anthony Shawnee offers a full-range of Cancer Care, Cardiology Center, Center for Women, Emergency Care, Imaging, Laboratory Department, Pastoral Care Services, Pharmacy Department, Respiratory Care Department, Sleep Lab, Surgical Services, Urgent Care and Wound Care.

Renee Bykerk is the CTR at St. Anthony Shawnee. She has been there for nine years and has also worked as a CTR at OU as needed for six years. Renee has been a nurse for twenty years, a CTR since 2007 and a Nurse Navigator for three years. She is single, but has had a significant other – Joe – for sixteen years. She has eleven grandchildren, two dogs and one cat. She comes from a large family of seven brothers and sisters.

Renee loves to travel but her favorite spot is Eureka Springs, Arkansas. She is very active and likes to paddle board, kayak, fish, travel, four wheel, zip line, and hike. Her favorite thing to do is ride her Harley! She also likes pottery, gardening, and playing with her grandchildren. She loves doing anything outdoors and states “my family is everything.”



“My family is everything.”

Text Documentation of Tumor, Nodes, Metastasis (TNM) Fields

By Jessica Taylor

One of the new requirements for reportable cases diagnosed in 2016 is the completion of the TNM fields. The OCCR would like to reiterate that with the transition to TNM staging, it is very important that registrars provide specific text documentation to support coding. The OCCR receives information from multiple reporting sources and consolidation is performed before submission to our standard setters. If there is a discrepancy in codes from separate facilities, the text fields are reviewed to determine and/or confirm accurate coding. Supportive text simplifies the consolidation process and increases our confidence in providing accurate staging data. The Text-Staging field provides an area for documenting staging information not already entered in other text fields. It is suggested that registrars record BOTH clinical and pathological staging in this field. Please see below for examples of accurate text documentation of TNM staging criteria in the Text-Staging field.

Text – Staging

Clinical: T1 N0 M0 Stage IA Pathologic: T2 N1 M0 Stage IIB

Text – Staging

cT1 cN0 cM0 IA, pT2 pN1 pM0 IIB



Did You Know?

By Leslie Dill

Cancer data, including demographics, methods of diagnosis, treatment protocols, and survival outcomes, are used for cancer incidence surveillance and other research projects. Have you ever wondered how the information that you submit to OCCR is being used? The following are just a few examples:

- ◆ “Public Health in Action” is a report in which cancer data was provided as an initiative to inform Oklahoma leadership about the burden of cancer in Oklahoma.
- ◆ “[OKStateStat](#)” is a website designed under the leadership of Governor Mary Fallin to track the progress of chronic disease prevention and health prevention programs.
- ◆ The Management, Leadership and Coordination (MLC) team in partnership with the American Cancer Society (ACS), hosted a roundtable event in Lawton, OK. The event was designed to integrate community members and healthcare providers to discuss colorectal cancer and state funded colorectal cancer screening.
- ◆ A Cancer High Need Map was developed to identify geographic locations in need of breast and cervical cancer screening services.
- ◆ At an evidence-based public health training to 44 participants, cancer data was used for case studies. The training was a train the trainer program provided through the Brown School of Public Health in St. Louis, MO.
- ◆ Cancer data was used to develop the first draft of the “Oklahoma Cancer State Plan (2016-2020).” The anticipated release of the final version of the plan will be October, 2016.



NAACCR CTR Exam Preparation and Review

By Susan Nagelhout, CTR

The OCCR has purchased the NAACCR CTR Exam Preparation and Review webinar series. The course is in preparation for the 2016 CTR exam, which opens on October 15, 2016 and closes on November 5, 2016.

The webinar series consists of online interactive instruction and includes eight 2-hour sessions with live instructors. In addition, the webinars will include Question & Answer sessions, study materials, take home quizzes and a timed practice test. The webinar series begins August 23rd and concludes on October 11th.

The webinars will be hosted in two locations, Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

For more information about this webinar series, contact Susan Nagelhout at (405) 271-9444 extension 57006 or susann@health.ok.gov.



Free American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) Webinar Series

By Leslie Dill

The AJCC is providing a free series of live webinars this summer and early fall called the Disease Site webinars. The purpose of the webinars is to spotlight the five most common site chapters for AJCC 7th edition staging including melanoma, lung, breast, colorectum and prostate. Each webinar will have a pre- and post-quiz for self-assessment and will provide the following for each disease site:

- Overview and Learning Objectives
- Anatomy Affecting Stage
- Classification Issues
- Assigning T, N, M Stage Group
- Information & Questions on AJCC Staging Summary

At this time, three of the five LIVE webinars are available. However, recordings of the first two webinars (Melanoma and Lung) are available. Visit the [AJCC](http://ajcc.org) website to register. Remember, registration is free!

Breast	August 31, 2016	1:00-1:30 pm CT
Colorectum	September TBD	1:00-1:30 pm CT
Prostate	September TBD	1:00-1:30 pm CT

No continuing education (CE) hours will be provided.

2016 Oklahoma Cancer Registrars Association Education Conference

By Christina Panicker, MBA, CTR

It's time again to register for the Oklahoma Cancer Registrars Association's Education Conference! This year the conference is being held in Tulsa at Cancer Treatment Centers of America on October 6 - 7, 2016. Taught by some of the best instructors in the field, topics to be presented include Commission on Cancer survey updates, AJCC staging and other essential registrar information.

The conference is also a great opportunity to see old friends and create new memories. The deadline for registration is September 16, 2016. For more information, go to the OCRA website at <http://ocra-ok.org/>.





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