

NCRA Perspectives: Cancer Registry Professionals and their Influence on Cancer Surveillance



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**Enabling 21st Century Applications for Cancer Surveillance through Enhanced
Registries and Beyond**
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Agenda

- Who are Cancer Registrars?
- NCRA History
- NCRA Educational Offerings
- Workforce Research
- Power of Credentials

Who are Cancer Registrars?

- Cancer registrars are data information specialists
- They capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S.
- Data are used to monitor and advance cancer treatments, conduct research, and improve cancer prevention and screening efforts.



USCS
U.S. Cancer Statistics
The Official Federal Cancer Statistics

United States Cancer Statistics

The U.S. Cancer Statistics are the official federal cancer statistics, providing information on incidence (new cases) and mortality (deaths) in the United States.

U.S. Cancer Statistics includes incidence data from CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries and the National Cancer Institute's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program, and mortality data from CDC's National Center for Health Statistics.

U.S. Cancer Statistics includes information from the United States and Puerto Rico. It can be used to:

- Identify populations most affected by cancer.
- Investigate potential causes of cancer.
- Evaluate cancer prevention and screening activities.

The data are available in a public use database, a Data Visualizations tool, and other tools.

Data Visualizations tool
The Data Visualizations tool makes it easy for anyone to explore and use the latest U.S. Cancer Statistics data. It is available at www.cdc.gov/cancer/dataviz/.

- Interactive graphics and data interpretations
- New cancer cases
- Cancer deaths
- Survival and prevalence
- By geography
- By sex, age, race, and ethnicity
- Over time

More information
U.S. Cancer Statistics | www.cdc.gov/united-states-cancer-statistics/ | uscdatadata/cdc.gov
CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries | www.cdc.gov/national-program-cancer-registries/
NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program | <https://seer.cancer.gov>

Division of Cancer Prevention and Control

Ensuring Data Quality

ICD O 3 Coding Updates

ICD-O-3 IMPLEMENTATION GUIDELINES

ICD O 2024 Previous Guidelines

These documents address the implementation of ICD-O-3.2 for cases diagnosed in 2024.

ICD O 3.2 Implementation Documents for implementation in 2024

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2024 Solid Tumor Rules

Updated December 1, 2023 (view [Revision History](#))

Reporting Guidelines Use the Solid Tumor Rules to determine the number of primary tumors. Instructions replace the 2007 Multiple Primary & Histologic Reporting Guidelines.

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SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2024

Updated September 2023

Reporting Guidelines

- Casefinding Lists
- SEER Coding and Staging Manual
- Appendix C for 2024 Manual
- Hematopoietic Project
- ICD-O-3 Coding Materials
- Solid Tumor Rules
- Historical Staging and Coding Manuals
- Grade Coding Instructions 2024
- SEER Data Submission Requirements
- COVID-19 Abstraction Guidance

Other Manuals

- [SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2024](#) (PDF, 1.8 MB) (released September 2023)
- [Appendix A - Country Codes](#) (PDF, 504 KB)
- [Appendix B - Country and State Codes](#) (PDF, 425 KB)
- [Appendix C - Site Specific Coding Modules](#)
- [Appendix D - Race and Nationality Descriptions](#) (PDF, 227 KB)
- [Appendix E - Reportable and Non-reportable Examples](#) (PDF, 136 KB) or [Excel](#)
- [Summary of Changes \(September 2023\)](#) (PDF, 314 KB) - provides the list of changes to the 2024 manual.

See the [SEER Research Data](#) pages to find out how to access the SEER data.

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GUIDELINES FOR 2024 ICD-O-3.2 HISTOLOGY CODE AND BEHAVIOR UPDATE

Effective January 1, 2024

Standards for Oncology Registry Entry

Standards for Oncology Registry Entry

STORE 2024
Effective for Cases Diagnosed
January 1, 2024

Release date 5/29/2024

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1974: NCRA Chartered

7,000: NCRA Members

5,872: ODS-Certified Professionals

27: NCRA-Accredited Formal
Education Programs

Mission: Empower and advance
registry professionals through
innovations in education, advocacy,
credentialing, and strategic
partnerships.

Oncology Data Specialist (ODS) Credential



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Welcome to the Center for Cancer Registry Education

NCRA is the premier education and training resource for the cancer registry community. The Center for Cancer Registry Education is designed to provide easy access to high-quality educational programming to support both seasoned professionals and those new to the field. This one-stop access site offers a variety of products and services, allowing you to tailor your training and manage continuing education credits. To address the need to increase the cancer registry workforce, the center also provides information on how to become a cancer registrar and earn the Oncology Data Specialist (ODS) credential.

Special Note: NCRA has changed the name of its credential. Oncology Data Specialist (ODS) is the new name for the Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR) credential. Please note that any reference to the Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR) credential should be understood to be the Oncology Data Specialist (ODS) credential. For more information regarding the name change see the [ODS Name Change](#).



What Do You Need?

- Need Continuing Education (CE) Credits?
- Need to Prepare for the ODS Exam?
- Want to Become a Cancer Registrar?
- Want to Learn More About the ODS Credential?
- Not sure?



Get Started

- Accessing Purchased Learning Activities
- View How-To Videos
- View Technical Requirements
- How to Login/Create an Account
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Need More Assistance

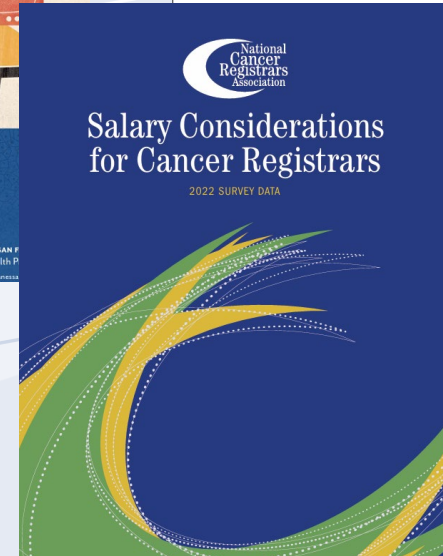
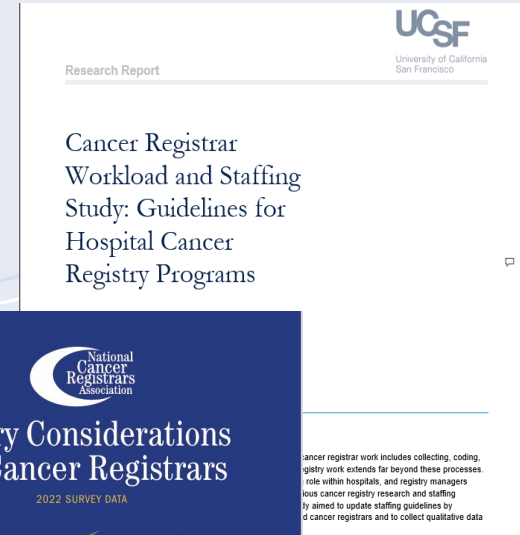
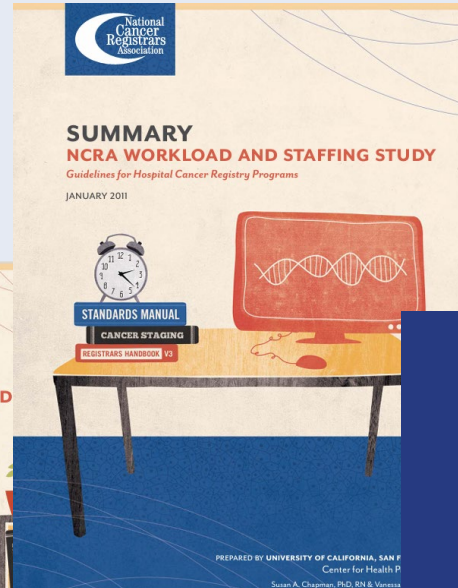
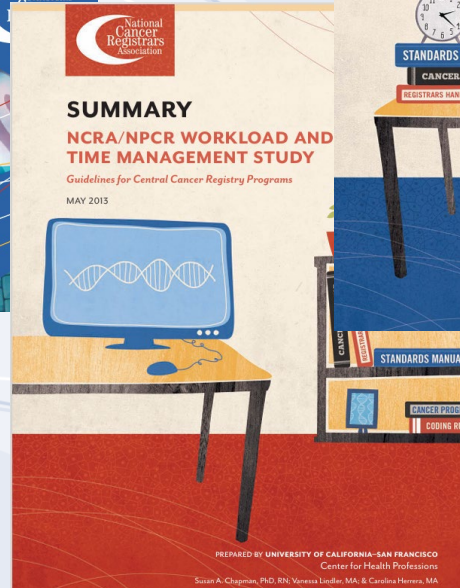
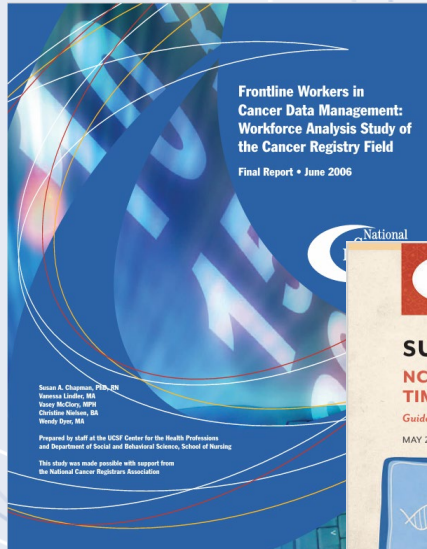


What's New?

- Upcoming ODS Exam Prep and Fundamentals of Abstracting Workshops - Register Now!
- Now Open for Registration - Upcoming Three-Part Webinar Series: Abstracting & Coding
- Now Available - NCRA's 2024 Annual Educational Conference Encore Sessions



Registry Workforce Research



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Cancer Registry Workforce

95% satisfied with profession

19% plan to retire or leave the profession in the next five years

Registry Leads Concerns

88% recruiting well-trained staff

82% compensating staff well enough to retain them

77% funding additional positions

25% filling vacancies

Require Credentials to Ensure Data Quality

CDC-NPCR Program Standards

The CDC-NPCR's Administration and Operations Standard 1.2 requires QA/QC managers and ETC positions must be filled by qualified, experienced certified tumor registrars.

American College of Surgeons' CoC Accreditation Standard 4.3

Those performing cancer case abstracting hold a current ODS credential; those performing case abstracting under the supervision of an ODS-credentialed registrar must pass the ODS exam within three years of the date hired.

New York State Cancer Registry

All reporting facilities with more than 100 diagnosed cases per year must have a certified tumor registrar perform abstracting and reporting functions.

New Jersey State Cancer Registry

A health care facility which diagnoses or treats 100 or more cases per year must have all abstracting work performed by an oncology data specialist who is certified by NCRA.

Thank You and Contact Information



Websites

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www.CancerRegistryEducation.org

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