

Florida Cancer Data System
Quality Assurance Audit 2008

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The Florida Department of Health
NATIONAL PROGRAM OF CANCER REGISTRY
Florida Cancer Data System
A Joint Project of the Special Communities Care Group and the Florida Department of Health

Purpose of Audit

- ◆ Assess interpretation of data items by the abstractors
- ◆ Identify areas that may require education and training
- ◆ Required by NPCR/CDC and Florida Department of Health

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Type of Audit

- ◆ Re-abstracting Audit
- ◆ Comparison will be made between the audited records and the records originally submitted by your facility's abstractor

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Hospital Audit Packet

- ◆ Information regarding the audit
- ◆ Mailed in October 2008
- ◆ Cover letter, Information Sheet, List of patient records to be reviewed
- ◆ Florida DOH letter to the hospital administrator
 - signed by Julia Gill, PhD, MPH, Chief, Bureau of Epidemiology

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Data to be Audited

- ◆ 2006 cases
- ◆ Total of 322 cases
- ◆ Number of records to be re-abstracted is determined by the hospital's caseload

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Audit Timeline

- ◆ November-December 2008
- ◆ Fourty-one hospitals
 - Tallahassee/Jacksonville (Region 1)
 - Orlando (Region 2)
 - Tampa (Region 3)
 - Miami (Region 4)
- ◆ Hospitals are selected at random
- ◆ Complete and sign Information Sheet agreeing to the audit date

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Auditors

- ◆ Bessie Brokenburr-Henderson, CTR
- ◆ Sophia Ebner, CTR

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Hospital's Responsibility

- ◆ Have all the records available for review
 - Charts
 - Electronic record
- ◆ Primary or Alternate
- ◆ Arrange for a workspace for the auditor
- ◆ Participate in the reconciliation process

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Purpose of the Reconciliation

- ◆ Evaluate any discrepancy noted between the auditor and the original abstract
- ◆ Clarify/confirm originally abstracted codes

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Reconciliation

- ◆ Process will begin in January 2009
- ◆ Hospitals will receive the reconciliation forms
 - Data coded by the hospital (original abstract) and the auditor
 - An asterisk(*) will note any differences in the coding of the two sources
- ◆ Two weeks to review the forms
 - Clarify originally abstracted codes

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Any Questions?

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