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FCDS Abstractor Code

1.) What is an FCDS Abstractor Code?

The FCDS Abstractor Code is an alpha/numeric code (**2A3**) which certifies the abstractor is an approved State of Florida Abstractor.

Every registrar/abstractor planning to work in the State of Florida is required to obtain an Individual FCDS Abstractor Code.

2.) Do I need an FCDS Abstractor Code?

The FCDS Abstractor Code Requirement has been FCDS Policy for many years and applies to every cancer registrar working in the state of Florida (CTR or non-CTR, Florida resident or out-of-state contractor, regardless of years as an abstractor).

Physician Office personnel are **not required** to have an abstractor code.

3.) How do I obtain an FCDS Abstractor Code?

To obtain an FCDS Abstractor Code please do the following:

1. Log into your FCDS IDEA User Account and go to the **Education/FCDS Tools menu**.
 - **Select the FLccSC: Learning Management System option.**
2. Once in the FLccSC screen:
 - **Select the FCDS Abstractor Test (enroll and take the test).**

*****Please note, that once you have completed the test, you will need to select the "finish course" button.*****

This will move the Abstractor Code status to complete, provide you with a certificate of completion, and assign an FCDS Abstractor Code.

Any individual planning to acquire a **New** FCDS Abstractor Code must take the **FCDS Abstractor Code Exam** and pass with a minimum of (80%).

To renew your FCDS Abstractor Code please do the following:

1. Log into your FCDS IDEA User Account and go to the **Education/FCDS Tools menu**.
 - **Select the FLccSC: Learning Management System option.**
2. Once in the FLccSC screen:
 - **Select Courses (left column)**
 - **Select the FCDS Abstractor Test (re-enroll to take the test).**

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Abstractors with an **existing** FCDS Abstractor Code must take the FCDS Abstractor Code Exam and pass with a minimum of (80%). **FCDS Abstractor Codes require annual renewal.**

If unsuccessful you can retake the exam 30 minutes after the first attempt.

If unsuccessful on the 3rd attempt the system puts into effect a 7 day wait period thereafter.

4.) Where can I view my FCDS Abstractor Code status?

All registrars with an FCDS Abstractor Code can view their FCDS Abstractor Code status within the FCDS IDEA account manager.

To access the account manager, go to the '**IDEA User**' menu,

Select **Account Manager**

The abstractor code information with expiration date is directly below User type.

5.) What is the content within the FCDS Abstractor Code Exam?

The content of The FCDS Abstractor Code Exam and The FCDS Abstractor Code Renewal Exam are:

- General Abstracting Knowledge
- General Abstracting Rules and Florida-Specific Rules
- Primary Site/Histology/Grade
- Stage at Diagnosis (Collaborative Stage Data Collection System and Site Specific Factors)
- Latest Rule Changes
- Treatment and Survival

6.) How do I access/register on the FLccSC Learning Management System:

Abstractors can access FLccSC directly through their FCDS IDEA user account.

By logging into your FCDS IDEA User Account

Go to the **Education/FCDS Tools** menu.

Select the **FLccSC: Learning Management System** option.