

RECOMMENDED TRAINING RESOURCES FOR CANCER REGISTRARS

FCDS has put together a listing of available Training Resources for New Registrars. We hope this will help new registrars with reliable training resources to cover the primary topics necessary to learn how to abstract and understand what it takes to become a Cancer Registrar.

NAACCR also offers a FREE Cancer Registrar Training Guide on its Website. This 51-week guide provides information on all things related to the Cancer Registry, including a Progress Tracking Form. Becoming a Cancer Registrar and an Oncology Data Specialist (ODS) is a lengthy process. The NAACCR Cancer Registrar Training Guide, v4 was published in 2020 and is available at <https://www.naaccr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Registry-Training-Guide-1.pdf>

Recommended Resources:

- **NCRA Accredited Cancer Certificate and/or Degree Programs** - <https://www.ncra-usa.org/About/Become-a-Cancer-Registrar>
- See FCDS DAM Section I – Required and Recommended Desktop References
- See Appendix P – Registrar Resources
- See FLccSC Learning Management System and FCDS IDEA for Access to Recordings
- NEED ACCESS TO ALL 2025 Manuals, Tools and Guidelines/Instructions – Appendix P and <https://www.naaccr.org/v22referencepage/>
- SEER Site-Specific Modules and Self-Instructional Training - <https://seer.cancer.gov/training/>
- NPCR NETS Modules – available on FLccSC
- NAACCR Cancer Registrar Training Guide - <https://www.naaccr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Registry-Training-Guide-1.pdf>
- NCRA offers basic courses, webinars, and ODS Exam Prep – <http://www.ncra-usa.org>
- NCRA also hosts ways to become a cancer registrar and becoming an ODS – <https://www.ncra-usa.org/ODS-Credential>
- 2024 SEER Tools – SEER*Rx, SEER*Heme Rules and Database, SEER*RSA, SEER Solid Tumor Rules, Casefinding Lists and much more available on the SEER Website @ <http://seer.cancer.gov>.
- SEER*Educate - <https://educate.fredhutch.org/LandingPage.aspx>
- 2025 FCDS Data Acquisition Manual - <https://fcds.med.miami.edu/inc/downloads.shtml>
- 2025 FCDS Webcast Series - <https://fcds.med.miami.edu/inc/educationtraining.shtml>
- FCDS Learning Management System – FLccSC - <https://fcds.med.miami.edu/inc/flccsc.shtml>
- 2025 NAACCR ODS Exam Prep and Review Webinar Series - <https://education.naaccr.org/CTR>
- American Cancer Society has cancer-specific educational materials in their Cancer A-Z Series - <https://www.cancer.org/cancer.html>
- National Cancer Institute has information – start here with the About Cancer Series – then go to specific cancer types to reinforce topics and concepts - <https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer>
- AJCC has basic AJCC TNM Training – <https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer-programs/american-joint-committee-on-cancer/staging-education/registrar/curriculum/>

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2025 References and Resources for Cancer Registrars		
Education and Training Resources		
FLccSC	Florida's Online Learning Management System – Fundamental Learning Collaborative for the Cancer Surveillance Community (FLccSC)	https://fcds.med.miami.edu/inc/flccsc.shtml
FCDS Continuing Education Webcast Series, NAACCR Series, FCDS Annual Conference	Recorded Webcasts, Webinars, Conferences and any associated background materials, exercises, quizzes	https://fcds.med.miami.edu/inc/flccsc.shtml
SEER Self-Instruction Training Website	SEER's Self-Paced Instruction and Training Website	http://training.seer.cancer.gov/
SEER*Educat	Online Training Platform for Cancer Registrars	Seer Educate
SEER Self-Instructional Training Resources	Solid Tumor Rules Training Glossary for Registrars Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasms Training SEER Self-Instructional Manuals for Tumor Registrars	http://seer.cancer.gov/training/
NCRA Education and Training	NCRA Annual Conference, CTR Exam Preparation materials, Recorded Webinars, Continuing Education including NCRA Center for Cancer Registry Education	https://www.ncra-usa.org/Education
ODS Examination Resources	NCRA Council on Certification	https://www.ncra-usa.org/ODS-Credential
NAACCR Registrar Training Guide (2020)	51-week guide for training new registrars	https://www.naaccr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Registry-Training-Guide-1.pdf
Understanding Central Cancer Registries	Self-paced self-instruction for central registries	https://education.naaccr.org/products/understanding-central-cancer-registries
AJCC TNM Education and Training	Self-Instruction Modules for AJCC TNM Training Recorded Resources for AJCC TNM Training	https://cancerstaging.org/CSE/Registrar/Pages/8thEditionWebinars.aspx https://cancerstaging.org/CSE/Registrar/Pages/default.aspx
NAACCR Education and Training	NAACCR Annual Conference, Monthly NAACCR Cancer Surveillance Webinar Series, ODS Exam Preparation Webinar Series, Continuing Education	http://www.naaccr.org
American Cancer Society	Learn About Cancer and Various Cancer Topics	http://www.cancer.org/cancer/index
National Cancer Institute	Understanding Cancer Series (also in Spanish)	http://www.cancer.gov/ http://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/what-is-cancer http://www.cancer.gov/espanol/cancer/que-es
National Comprehensive Cancer Network (NCCN)	Treatment Guidelines by Cancer Site	http://www.nccn.org/

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Newsletters	Web Address	Notes
FCDS Memo	http://www.fcdsmemo.com	Florida Cancer Data System Memo written for cancer registrars
FCRA Sun Times Newsletter	http://www.fcra.org/	Florida Cancer Registrars Association quarterly newsletter
COC Source	https://www.facs.org/publications/newsletters/coc-source	Commission on Cancer's newsletter.
The CoC Brief	http://www.multibriefs.com/briefs/acsorg/	Multi-Briefs for American College of Surgeons/CoC
The NAACCR Narrative	http://www.naaccr.org/AboutNAACCR/Newsletter.aspx	Newsletter for Central Cancer Registries in North America
NCRA News NCRA Connection The Journal of Registry Management	http://www.ncra-usa.org	NCRA Newsletter and Peer-Review Journal

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REQUIRED DESKTOP REFERENCES

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FCDS Data Acquisition Manual, 2025	FCDS, Florida Cancer Data System PO Box 016960 (D4-11) Miami, FL 33101 The Florida Cancer Data System - Downloads (miami.edu)
FCDS IDEA – FCDS Secure Web-Based Software to abstract cases, upload batched cases, access FLccSC, QC Review, Audits	The Florida Cancer Data System Home Page (miami.edu)
FLccSC Learning Management System FCDS Abstractor Code Test, FCDS Continuing Education Webcast Series, NAACCR Webinar Recordings, FCDS Annual Conference, etc.	The Florida Cancer Data System - FLccSC (miami.edu)
FCDS v25 EDITS Metafile	The Florida Cancer Data System - Downloads (miami.edu)
2025 Instructional Manuals/Guidelines	https://apps.naaccr.org/data-dictionary/data-dictionary/version=24/chapter-view/
Current Solid Tumor Manual	https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/
Current Grade Coding Manual	https://www.naaccr.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Grade-Coding-Instructions-and-Tables-v3.pdf?v=1688673341
Current Site-Specific Data Items Manual	https://apps.naaccr.org/ssdi/list/
Current SEER Summary Stage Manual	https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/ssm/
Cancer PathChart	https://seer.cancer.gov/cancerpathchart/products.html
Current SEER RSA – Registrar Staging Assistant – online staging assistant	https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/staging/rsa.html
Current SEER*Rx – Interactive Drug Database	https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/seerrx/

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Current <i>Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Case Reportability and Coding Manual</i> and Hematopoietic Database (desktop or web-based versions available)	Hematopoietic Project - SEER Registrars
Current NAACCR ICD-O-3 Coding Guidelines, Annotated Histology List	https://www.naaccr.org/icdo3/
<i>ICD-O-3.2 Excel Table</i> downloaded from the IACR/WHO Website	Downloadable Excel File Version of ICD-O-3.2 http://www.iacr.com.fr/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=149:icd-o-3-2&catid=80&Itemid=545
<i>International Classification of Diseases for Oncology</i>, 3rd ed. Geneva, World Health Organization: 2000	The World Health Organization WHO Publications Center USA; 49 Sheridan Avenue; Albany, NY 12210 https://www.who.int/standards/classifications/other-classifications/international-classification-of-diseases-for-oncology

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RECOMMENDED DESKTOP REFERENCES

RECOMMENDED BOOK	ORDERING INFORMATION/LINKS
<i>2025 CoC STORE Manual - CoC Standards for Oncology Registry Entry</i>	American College of Surgeons (ACS) 55 East Erie Street Chicago, IL 60611-2797 store-manual-2025.pdf
<i>2024 SEER Program Code Manual</i>	National Cancer Institute Publications Ordering Service P.O. Box 24128, Baltimore, MD 21227, 301-330-7968 SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual
<i>Cancer Registry Management Principles and Practice for Hospitals and Central Registries</i> , 4 th Edition, 2021	National Cancer Registrars Association https://www.ncra-usa.org/About/Store/Store-Professional-Resources/BKctl/ViewDetails/SKU/NCRCRMTXBK4ED
<i>NAACCR Standards for Cancer Registries</i> <i>Volume II: Data Standards and Data Dictionary</i> , current edition (v25)	North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, Inc. (NAACCR) 2121 West White Oaks Drive, Suite B Springfield, Illinois 62704-7412 Phone: (217) 698-0800 Fax: (217) 698-0188 https://www.naaccr.org/
EDITS Software – EditWriter 6 and GenEdits Plus	https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/edits/index.htm
NAACCR v25 EDITS Metafile	https://www.naaccr.org/standard-data-edits/
FCDS v25 EDITS Metafile	The Florida Cancer Data System - Downloads (miami.edu)
<i>Cancer Principles and Practice of Oncology</i> , 10 th edition	Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Publishers 227 East Washington Square Philadelphia, PA 19106-3780

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	<p>ISBN-10: 1451192940</p> <p>ISBN-13: 9781451192940</p>
<i>American Cancer Society Textbook of Clinical Oncology</i>	<p>American Cancer Society</p> <p>Vermont Division, Inc.</p> <p>13 Loomis Street</p> <p>Montpelier, VT 05602</p> <p>https://www.cancer.org/</p> <p>ISBN-13: 978-0944235072</p> <p>ISBN-10: 0944235077</p>
<i>CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians</i>	<p>Lippincott Williams & Wilkins Publishers</p> <p>P.O. Box 1600</p> <p>Hagerstown, MD 21741-9910</p> <p>301-223-2300 (Voice)</p> <p>https://acsjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/15424863?journalRedirectCheck=true</p>
<p>AJCC Cancer Staging System Products</p> <p>AJCC Cancer Staging Manual, 8th ed</p> <p>AJCC Cancer Staging, Version 9</p>	<p>https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer-programs/american-joint-committee-on-cancer/cancer-staging-systems/cancer-staging-system-products/</p>