



25TH ANNIVERSARY



FCDS Annual Meeting  
July 28-29, 2005

# FLORIDA CANCER DATA SYSTEM

## JUNE 2005 MONTHLY MEMO

### WHAT'S NEW:

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE ON THE FCDS WEBSITE.

- FCDS 2005 ANNUAL MEETING BROCHURE
- COLLABORATIVE STAGING UPDATES LINKS
- NAACCR EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES
- REGISTRAR RESOURCES

### FCDS MAILING INFORMATION

US Postal Service mail including Express mail, Priority mail, and Certified mail should be sent to the following PO Box address:

FCDS/University of Miami School of Medicine  
P. O. Box 016960 (D4-11)  
Miami, FL 33101

**FCDS STREET ADDRESS SHOULD ONLY BE USED FOR COURIER PACKAGES**  
(Federal Express, UPS, Airborne Express)

FCDS/University of Miami School of Medicine  
1550 NW 10th Ave, Fox Bldg, Room 410  
Miami, FL 33136



## IMPLEMENTATION OF CS 01.02 AND NAACCR VERSION 10.2

FCDS implemented the NAACCR Version 10.2 record layout and the Collaborative Staging 01.02 revisions on July 1st, 2005 in accordance with national standards. All cases regardless of the diagnosis date (including historical cases) submitted on or after July 1st, 2005 must be in the NAACCR Version 10.2 and must include the CS 01.02 changes.

FCDS converted the existing FCDS database to the new Version 10.2 record layout which included the revised Collaborative Staging (CS 01.02), as well as added and tested the new edit checks. FCDS continued to accept data through FCDS IDEA during the conversion.

FCDS hosted a teleconference on June 23, 2005 to discuss the implementation of the new record layout and the revisions of Collaborative Staging. One topic addressed in the teleconference was the obsolete and new codes of Collaborative Staging 01.02. Another topic was the NAACCR V10.2 format and its impact on data submission. Overall, V10.2 will have very little impact on data reporting to FCDS since the new format has no structural change. For more information, a PowerPoint slide presentation is available on the FCDS Website, <http://www.fcds.med.miami.edu>.

# News and Information



## 2005 DAM HIGHLIGHTS

### Address at DX/Address Current - Postal Codes

For United States residents, enter either the 5-digit or the extended 9-digit Zip code. When the 9-digit extended Zip code is not available, enter the 5-digit Zip code followed by zeros.

For United States residents, U.S. possessions or territories and the Zip code is unknown enter 999999999.

For Canadian residents, use 999999999.

**NOTE:** If using the FCDS IDEA Upload program only, Canadian valid Zip codes (ANANAN format) will be replaced with 999999999 at time of upload. For Single Entry users, Canadian residents must have 999999999 in the Zip code.

For residents of country other than the United States, U.S. possessions or territories, or Canada and the Zip code is unknown enter 888888888.

### SPANISH/HISPANIC ORIGIN

<u>Code</u>	<u>Definition</u>
0	Non-Spanish; non-Hispanic (including Portuguese and Brazilian)

## 2005 JEAN BYERS MEMORIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN CANCER



FCDS will proudly award the 2005 Jean Byers Award for Excellence in Cancer Registration to Florida hospitals in accordance with national standards for evaluating timeliness and completeness that meet the following criteria:

### 2003 CANCER CASE ADMISSIONS

1. Timeliness- All deadlines met with respect to the 2003 cancer case admissions
  - 2003 Annual Caseload Submission Deadline- June 30, 2004
  - 2003 Death Certificate Notification Deadline- August 12, 2005
  - 2003 AHCA Audit Deadline – March 31, 2005

- No more than 5% (or 35 cases, whichever number is greater) of the 2003 cancer case admissions reported to FCDS within 2 months (60 days) following the June 30, 2005 deadline (Late reporting of 2003 cancer case admissions)

2. Completeness- All cases reported to FCDS

- No more than 10% of the 2003 cancer case admissions reported to FCDS within 12 months following the June 30, 2005 reporting deadline. (Due to delinquent 2003 case reporting, missed cases found on Death Certificate Notification or missed cases found on AHCA Completeness Audit)

FCDS will announce the recipients of the 2005 Jean Byers Memorial Award for Excellence in Cancer Registration in the Fall 2005.



# Deadlines & Reminders

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## ABSTRACTOR CODE RENEWAL DEADLINE

The deadline for renewal of the FCDS abstractor codes has been changed due to conflict with the June 30th reporting deadline. Renewal of FCDS abstractor codes are due November 30th.

**Please note:** This is the 3 letter/number code (ex: 3GV) coded on the abstract. This is not the FCDS IDEA user id (ex: mrudolph). The Pathology and Radiation users do not need the 3 letter abstractor code.

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## DEATH CERTIFICATE NOTIFICATION FOLLOW-BACK 2003

The Mortality Follow Back Request Forms 2003 were mailed to all hospitals the first week of June 2005. The Registrars are responsible for reviewing the medical record for each of the patients identified on the follow-back request forms and any case found to meet the FCDS Cancer Case Reporting Requirements outlined in Section I of the 2004 FCDS DAM need to be reported by submitting a full cancer case abstract to FCDS using FCDS IDEA (single entry or upload). The accession and sequence number for the cases being submitted as "missed cases" need to be noted on the Mortality Follow Back Request Form. For the cases identified as non-reportable, the Registrars need to provide FCDS with a reasonable explanation as to why the case will not be reported by using the Disposition Codes listing. The deadline to report the "missed cases" and to return the Mortality Follow Back Request Forms is August 12, 2005. Please return the forms to your Field Coordinator. Please contact your Field Coordinator for additional information or if you have any questions at 305-243-4600.

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## QUARTERLY CANCER CASE REPORTING STATUS REPORTS FOR APRIL-JUNE 2005

FCDS will be generating the Quarterly Cancer Case Reporting Status Reports for the second quarter of 2005, April through June. The reports will be mailed the first week of July. All reporting facilities are expected to be 100% complete reporting their 2004 cancer cases. All cases regardless of the diagnosis date (including historical cases) submitted on or after July 1st, 2005 must be in the NAACCR Version 10.2 and must include the CS 01.02 changes. If you have any questions about your report or the reporting requirements, please contact your FCDS Field Coordinator at (305) 243-4600.

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## PATHOLOGY LAB REPORTING

Every anatomic pathology laboratory that reads biopsy and surgical resection specimens collected from patient encounters within the state of Florida MUST electronically submit the specified data for every malignant cancer case and new benign brain/CNS tumors. **Specimens read January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 must be submitted to FCDS on or before June 30, 2005 .**

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# Education and Training



## AHIMA CLINICAL CODING CONFERENCE, ACHIEVING CODING EXCELLENCE!

JOIN THE AMERICAN HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
(AHIMA)

FOR A CLINICAL CODING CONFERENCE, ACHIEVING CODING EXCELLENCE!

June 22-23, 2005

Embassy Suites Hotel & Convention Center, Raleigh, NC



*Achieving Coding Excellence is an intensive two-day conference designed to boost your understanding of clinical code assignments and emerging issues that affect code reporting. AHIMA-credentialed members can earn up to a total of 12 CE units at this conference. Six CE units will be given for each day. Additional details will be provided with on-site registration materials. Planned topics include:*

- *Clinical topics that provide insight into a disease or procedure for optimal diagnosis and procedure coding and reimbursement.*
- *Case studies to build data analysis, code assignment skills and best practices for obtaining physician clarification for code choices that result in documentation improvement.*
- *Implementation issues, challenges, and opportunities surrounding computer-assisted coding provided through an overview of how the technology works, how it affects the coding workflow, and what coding professionals can do to prepare for this technology.*
- *Case scenarios that provide attendees the opportunity to evaluate and discuss ethical questions and to help guide coding professionals in deciding the best course of action for ethical dilemmas in coding.*

After attending the program the participants should be able to:

- *Gain clinical knowledge about covered conditions and procedures and become aware of the implications of inappropriate coding.*
- *Use the clinical information to improve your accuracy and efficiency in assigning the diagnosis and procedure codes.*
- *Apply proper coding processes and strategies to selected case studies.*
- *Advance consistency of coding and improve data quality.*
- *Explain computer-assisted coding will change and enhance the role of coding professionals in the future.*
- *Become more confident in addressing the ethical challenges that may present themselves.*
- *Discern how ethical problems may be prevented.*

Component State Associations (CSA) are co-sponsoring these programs. If you can't make it to the North Carolina workshop, additional workshops will be held on:

August 17-18 Crowne Plaza Hotel, TX (Houston, TX)

August 24-25 Sheraton Bloomington Hotel, MN (Bloomington, MN)

September 1-2 Embassy Suites Hotel - International Drive South, FL (Orlando, FL)

Topics vary by location. Visit <http://www.ahima.org/coding/agenda.asp> for the complete, location-specific agendas.



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## FCRA ANNUAL MEETING

### FLORIDA CANCER REGISTRARS ASSOCIATION (FCRA) 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

The FCRA Annual Meeting  
July 26 -27, 2005.  
Marriott-West Palm Beach, Florida

For further information , please visit the FCRA website at <http://www.fcra.org>, for further information.

## FCDS ANNUAL MEETING

### FLORIDA CANCER DATA SYSTEM (FCDS) 2005 ANNUAL MEETING

The FCDS Annual Meeting  
July 28 - 29, 2005.  
Marriott-West Palm Beach, Florida  
*Hotel Reservations:* 800-376-2292  
*Annual Meeting Registration fee:* \$50.00

FCDS Annual Meeting brochure is available online on the FCDS website at: <http://fcds.med.miami.edu>



## PRINCIPLES OF ONCOLOGY FOR CANCER REGISTRY PROFESSIONALS

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Principles of Oncology is an intensive five-day training program in cancer registry operations and procedures emphasizing accurate data collection. The program provides approximately 35 hours of classroom and individualized instruction on basic registry concepts, such as abstracting, staging (Collaborative Staging, summary staging and TNM), ICD-O coding, and using other resources available to registrars. Attendees will have the benefit of lectures as well as a variety of practical exercises. Three volumes of training materials prepared especially for this program will be provided to registrants, together with other printed materials.

This program is endorsed by the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR). NAACCR also serves as the fiscal agent for this program.

***Class size will be limited to 25 registrants.***  
July 25- 29, 2005  
Bolger Center for Leadership Development  
Potomac, Maryland  
***Registration fee:*** \$745.00\*

\* The registration fee is reduced for participants who stay at the conference center.



## 2005 CTR EXAM INFORMATION

**Application Deadline:** July 31, 2005  
**Testing Begins:** September 10, 2005  
**Testing Ends:** September 24, 2005

**Exam Application Fees:**  
NCRA MEMBERS: \$200  
ALL OTHER CANDIDATES: \$275

The Certification Examination will be administered during two 2-week testing periods on a daily basis, Monday through Saturday, excluding holidays, at *Laser-Grade Computer Testing Inc's* computer-based facilities managed by Professional Testing Corporation.

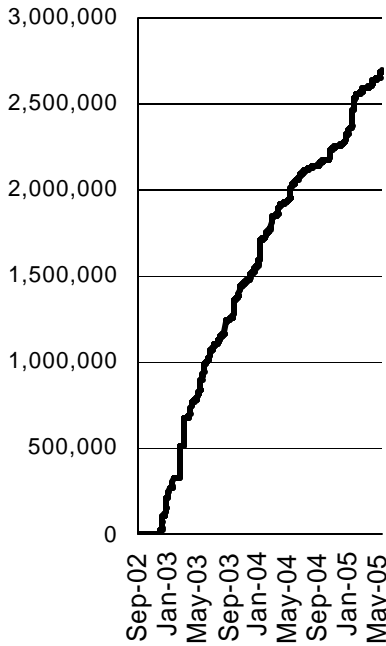
For additional information visit the NCRA website at: [www.ncra-usa.org](http://www.ncra-usa.org)



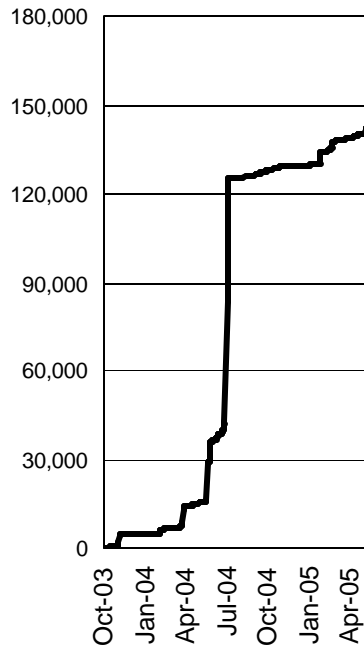
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# Pathology & Radiation Reporting

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## CANCER REPORTING COMPLETENESS REPORT

### TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES IN THE FCDS MASTERFILE AS OF JUNE 30, 2005

Total number of *New Cases* added to the FCDS Master file in June 2005: **34,229**

The figures shown below reflect initial patient encounters (admissions) for cancer by year.

ADMISSION YEAR	HOSPITAL	RADIATION	AMBI/SURG	PHYSICIAN OFFICE	DERM PATH	DCO	TOTAL CASES	NEW CASES
2004	128,052	2,578	696	0	157	Pending	131,483	32,782
2003	146,803	3,505	2,427	80	657	Pending	153,472	1,294
2002	149,506	3,331	2,595	462	872	2,789	159,555	153
						<b>Actual</b>		<b>Expected</b>
Complete for:		2004				87%		100%
		2003				100%		100%
		2002				100%		100%

\*Expected % based on 152,000 reported cases/year

