I am very happy to announce the formation of the FCRA/FCDS Task Force. The main purpose of this task force is to allow for an easy method of communicating various issues at both the Cancer Registrars and Central Registry level. This task force will tackle problems such as issue resolution, improvement of processes with the hope of increasing efficiency and assist in identifying areas of educational needs.

The task force is made up of four representatives from FCDS and FCRA. We felt that more input from each group would help to clearly identify and analyze any issue that is brought forth and would assure an optimal clear solution. FCRA is represented by Joyce Allan, as Liaison, Co-Chair, independent contractor, Walter Sanford, as President and hospital representative, Sally Kruse as a software vendor representative and Judy Bass as the representative for large conglomerate institutions. FCDS is represented by Gary Levin, Director of Administration/MIS as Co-Chair, Megsys Herna, Manager of Data Acquisition, Quality Control and Education, Mayra Alvarez, QC Field Coordinator and Sarah Manson, QC Field Coordinator as Recording Secretary. We feel that the task force has good representation and will work well together in resolving issues of any magnitude.

The task force meets the first Thursday of each month. To contact the taskforce, an e-mail address link has been established on both the FCRA (www.fcra.org) and FCDS (fcds.med.miami.edu under Contact Us or FCDS IDEA) web sites. The task force direct e-mail is taskforce@fcra.org.

Regardless of which web site is used, the inquiries will get to the task force and will be reviewed and prioritized at our next meeting.

As issues are resolved, the task force will publish them through mass e-mails, FCDS Monthly Memo, FCDS Registrar, FCRA Sun Times as well as both organizations web sites. We will also announce joint education sessions based on the types of questions we receive. In addition, the task force is planning to make a presentation at the FCRA and FCDS Annual Meeting to report progress made throughout the year.

We will also try to keep you informed of the task force progress on different issues. Currently we have defined four issues to open our discussions on. These include Differences between the EDITS Metafile and FCDS Edits, Class of Case 3 Reporting (non-analytic and historical cases), Quality of Text being reported and the concept of “Umbrella Reporting” to determine how we can reduce the number of times a cancer is reported when multiple institutions exists under the same corporate umbrella.

We are looking forward to making great strides in opening these communication lines between all parties. We look forward to hearing from you.

Gary Levin
Administrative Director
We would like to extend our Congratulations this year to all the 2005 Jean Byers Award for Excellence in Cancer Registration recipients for the 2003 data.

This year 121 facilities received the award!

We would also like to welcome those facilities that have received the award for the first time and extend special congratulations to those facilities that have received the Jean Byers Award for Excellence in Cancer Registration since the award was introduced with the 1996 data. That’s eight years of continuous achievement and excellence! These Facilities are:

1610-Memorial Hospital Pembroke
2736 Baptist Hospital of Pensacola
3903-Brandon Regional Hospital
6070-Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center
6203-Edward White Hospital
6446-Putnam Community Medical Center

The award notice for those hospitals that are the recipients of the Jean Byers Award has been mailed. Please fill out the questionnaire and return the completed form by mail or fax as noted on the letter.

In order for reporting facilities (excluding Freestanding Ambulatory Patient Care Centers and Pathology Labs) to receive the Jean Byers Award for Excellence in Cancer Registration for the 2003 cancer case admissions, they must meet the following criteria:

1. Timeliness- All deadlines met with respect to the 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, 2004 reporting deadline. (Due to delinquent 2003 case reporting, missed cases found on Death Certificate Notification or missed cases found on AHCA Completeness Audit).

Recipients of the 2003 Jean Byers Award:

1105 SHANDS ALACHUA GENERAL HOSPITAL
1170 N FLORIDA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
1300 GULF COAST MEDICAL CENTER
1306 BAY MEDICAL CENTER
1505 CAPE CANAVERAL HOSPITAL
1506 PARRISH MEDICAL CENTER
1508 PALM BAY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
1601 WESTSIDE REGIONAL MED CTR
1602 HOLLYWOOD MEDICAL CENTER
1606 MEMORIAL REGIONAL CANCER CENTER
1609 IMPERIAL POINT MEDICAL CENTER
1610 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PEMBROKE
1636 HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL
1645 CORAL SPRINGS MEDICAL CENTER
1676 PLANTATION GENERAL HOSP
1681 NORTHWEST MEDICAL CENTER
1686 FLORIDA MEDICAL CENTER
1687 UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER
1688 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WEST
1800 FAWCETT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
1846 CHARLOTTE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
1905 CITRUS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
2000 ORANGE PARK MEDICAL CENTER
2246 LAKE CITY MEDICAL CENTER
2306 HOMESTEAD HOSPITAL
2336 BAPTIST HOSPITAL OF MIAMI
2338 MERCY HOSPITAL
2347 CEDARS MEDICAL CENTER
2349 HIALEAH HOSPITAL
2356 PALM SPRINGS GENERAL HOSPITAL
2358 KENDALL MEDICAL CENTER
2374 PARKWAY REGIONAL MEDICAL CTR - EAST
2376 SOUTH MIAMI HOSPITAL
2377 WESTCHESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL
2378 CORAL GABLES HOSPITAL
2383 PALMETTO GENERAL HOSPITAL
2405 DE SOTO MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
2605 BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER BEACHES
2636 BAPTIST REGIONAL CANCER CENTER-JAX
2638 ST VINCENTS MEDICAL CENTER
2648 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL JACKSONVILLE

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2672 WOLFSON CHILDREN'S HOSP NCC
2700 WEST FLORIDA HOSPITAL
2736 BAPTIST HOSPITAL OF PENSACOLA
2738 SACRED HEART HOSPITAL
3705 BROOKSVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL
3805 HIGHLANDS REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
3836 FLORIDA HOSPITAL HEARTLAND DIVISION
3890 FLORIDA HOSPITAL LAKE PLACID
3903 BRANDON REGIONAL HOSPITAL
3907 UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY HOSPITAL-TAMPA
3932 H LEE MOFFITT CANCER CENTER
3938 SOUTH FLORIDA BAPTIST HOSPITAL
3947 KINDRED HOSPITAL CENTRAL TAMPA
3973 UNIVERSITY COMM. OF CARROLLWOOD
3977 MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF TAMPA
3978 TOWN AND COUNTRY HOSPITAL
3988 SOUTH BAY HOSPITAL
4206 JACKSON HOSPITAL
4516 LEESBURG REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
4546 SOUTH LAKE HOSPITAL
4547 FLORIDA HOSPITAL WATERMAN
4590 LEESBURG REGIONAL MEDICAL CTR NORTH
4605 LEE MEMORIAL HEALTH SYSTEM
4670 SOUTH WEST FL REGIONAL MEDICAL CTR
4690 LEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HEALTHPARK
5100 BLAKE MEDICAL CENTER
5105 MANATEE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
5200 OCALA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
5205 MUNROE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
5346 MARTIN MEMORIAL MEDICAL CENTER
5390 MARTIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL SOUTH
5505 BAPTIST MEDICAL CENTER NASSAU
5606 TWIN CITIES HOSPITAL
5607 NORTH OKALOOSA MEDICAL CENTER
5610 SACRED HEART HOSP EMERALD COAST
5670 FORT WALTON BEACH MED CTR
5705 RAULERSON HOSPITAL
5848 MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER ORLANDO
5851 ORLANDO REGIONAL LUCERNE HOSPITAL
5852 SAND LAKE HOSPITAL
5891 ARNOLD PALMER HOSPITAL
5936 ORLANDO REGIONAL ST CLOUD HOSPITAL
5967 OSCEOLA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
6005 BETHESDA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
6007 GLADES GENERAL HOSPITAL
6046 BOCA RATON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
6047 GOOD SAMARITAN MEDICAL CENTER
6048 JFK MEDICAL CENTER
6069 PALMS WEST HOSPITAL
6070 PALM BEACH GARDENS MEDICAL CENTER
6074 JUPITER MEDICAL CENTER
6106 NORTH BAY HOSPITAL
6170 COMMUNITY HOSP OF NEW PORT RICHEY
6171 PASCO COMMUNITY HOSPITAL
6172 REGIONAL MED CENTER BAYONET POINT
6201 NORTHSIDE HOSP HEART INSTITUTE
6203 EDWARD WHITE HOSPITAL
6205 HELEN ELLIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
6246 ALL CHILDRENS HOSPITAL
6249 MEASE DUNEDIN HOSPITAL
6250 MORTON PLANT HOSPITAL
6252 SUN COAST HOSPITAL
6273 PALMS OF PASADENA HOSPITAL
6274 ST PETERSBURG GENERAL HOSPITAL

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6278 MEASE COUNTRYSIDE HOSPITAL
6305 LAKELAND REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
6347 HEART OF FLORIDA HOSPITAL
6446 PUTNAM COMMUNITY MEDICAL CTR
6570 FLAGLER HOSPITAL
6600 COLUMBIA LAWNWOOD REGIONAL MED CTR
6704 GULF BREEZE HOSPITAL
6707 SANTA ROSA MEDICAL CENTER
6805 SARASOTA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
6810 ENGLEWOOD COMMUNITY HOSP
6910 ORLANDO REGIONAL SOUTH SEMINOLE HOSP
6936 FLORIDA HOSPITAL ALTAMONTE
7405 BERT FISH MEDICAL CENTER
7406 HALIFAX HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER
7407 FLORIDA HOSPITAL DELAND
7447 FLORIDA HOSPITAL - OCEANSIDE

Congratulations to Florida’s Newest CTR’s

Peter W. Clark
Kathleen Doney West
Kellie S. Garland
Gema G. Midence
Rosemary Otruba
Kimberly D. Perdue
Sandra M. Schluessler

Staff News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NPCR Education & Training
Series: Multiple Primary & Histology Coding
Dates: March, 2006 - TBA
Location: Potomac, MD
Series: How to Collect High Quality Cancer Surveillance Data
Dates: April, 2006 - TBA
Location: TBA
Website: http://www.naaccr.org

NCRA 32nd Annual Conference
“Monumental Achievements through Advocacy and Education”
Dates: May 4-7, 2006
Location: Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel
Arlington, Virginia (Washington, DC area)
Website: http://www.ncra-usa.org

NAACCR Annual Conference
“How to Collect High Quality Cancer Surveillance Data”
Dates: June 10-17, 2006
Location: Regina, Saskatchewan
Website: http://www.naaccr.org

NCRA'S NEW ONLINE EDUCATION CENTER
NCRA Announces the launch of their new education Web site: www.credducationcenter.org.
The new site features a variety of online educational opportunities for Cancer Registry professionals. Learn more at: www.ncra-usa.org/education/index.htm

Completeness Report
As of December 31, 2005
Calendar Year 2005 Admissions
31% Complete — 50% Expected

May you have a safe and Prosperous New Year!

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