

The Florida Cancer Data System's Memo



JULY 2017

Florida Cancer Data System Recognized by NAACCR for 15 Years of Excellence



WHAT'S NEW:

The following information is currently available on the FCDS website.

**FLORIDA ANNUAL
CANCER REPORT:
INCIDENCE AND
MORTALITY - 2013**

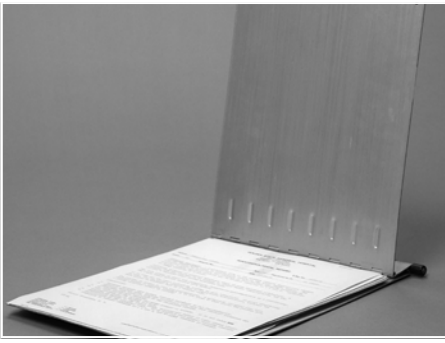
**FCDS/NAACCR
EDIT's Metafile**
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posted on
6/13/2017.

**FCDS/NAACCR
WEBINAR SERIES:**
NAACCR 2016-2017
Cancer Registry and
Surveillance Webinar
series - Coding Pitfalls
9/7/17, being held at 7
Florida facilities and
[requires registration.](#)



**Florida Statewide
Cancer Registry**

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Florida Cancer Data System Deadlines, Updates, & Reminders



Complete ALL Required SSFs

FCDS has been noticing a significant increase in the number of cases reported with 999 coded for most if not all SSFs - even when the tumor marker or prognostic test(s) are well-documented in the abstract text. The SSFs are not “optional” fields - they are “required” and should never be coded 999 unless there is no evidence that the test was ordered or there are no results in the medical record. This includes ANY lab tests, tumor markers, prognostic tests, imaging, clinical evidence of involved lymph nodes, FIGO Stage, etc.) that is required or of interest for each primary site or site/histology for which there is a CS Schema or TNM Chapter. Please be sure to document AND code ALL SSFs. This becomes a larger issue when we move to AJCC 8th edition with all new fields for Site-Specific Data.

2017 CTR Exam Dates

The 2017 CTR Exam dates and application deadlines are noted below.

To request the 2017 CTR Exam Candidates Handbook & Application, e-mail ctrexam@ncra-usa.org.

February 11-March 1, 2017

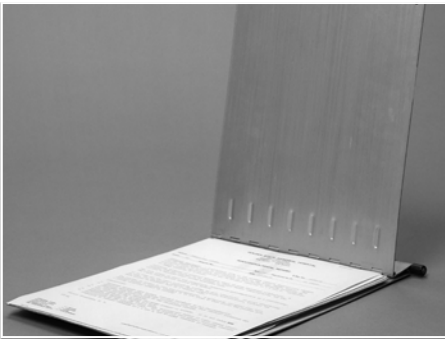
Application deadline: January 31

June 17-July 8, 2017

Application deadline: May 19

October 14-November 4, 2017

Application deadline: September 15



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Certification of Completeness Reminder

We want to remind all hospitals that we have a new requirement to certify when you are complete with your submissions for the 2016 data year. We are asking you to do this so we can have a better view of who is complete and who we need to continue to work with given our focus on late reporting. Anyone that has HOSPADMIN access to the facility has the ability to certify when they are complete. That includes any contractors that have been given that access. You can certify at any time you are complete even prior to the June 30 deadline. If you have not certified by the deadline, we will be assuming you are late and will be asking you for your plan for completion as we have the last few years. Thank you.

Reminder:

The facility Quarterly Reporting Status is always available in IDEA under the Reports/Inquiries tab. Please remember to look at your current reporting status at least quarterly. Also, prior reporting quarters are available.

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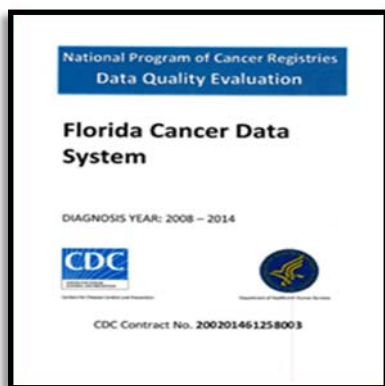
The Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS), Florida’s legislatively mandated, statewide, population-based cancer registry system has received the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) highest certification, Gold, for the fifteenth consecutive year. Gold certification is awarded to central registries who meet the highest levels of completeness, data quality and timeliness in cancer registry surveillance. Meeting national standards is a rigorous statewide team effort involving the FCDS Staff, the Florida Department of Health, the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center located at the University of Miami, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries, and first and foremost the many talented and dedicated abstractors and cancer registrars in our reporting facilities throughout the state.

State central cancer registries that meet the strict national standards are deemed to have data of “high quality” and the data can be included in reporting cancer statistics such as the Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer, the American Cancer Society Cancer Facts and Figures, NAACCR Cancer in North America (CINA) and the Florida Annual Cancer Report on the Status of Cancer in Florida. The award also quantifies data quality by criteria and qualifies the FCDS data and operations based on these strict standards for quality. Florida data can be relied upon for use in analytic data sets for cancer prevention and control activities, cancer surveillance research, clinical research and for monitoring cancer trends in Florida and the U.S.

Thank you all for your dedication and hard work to maintain the high standards that Florida sets for our registrars statewide in order to meet national data quality standards. We appreciate all of your efforts which has allowed the FCDS to become one of the premier central cancer registries in the country.

This project is funded by the Florida Department of Health, the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center and the CDC National Program of Cancer Registries. For more information on the Florida Cancer Data System please visit our web site at <http://fcds.med.miami.edu/>.

CDC/NPCR Data Quality Evaluation Reveals Accuracy Rate of 99.1% for the Florida Cancer Data System



The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) Data Quality Evaluations (DQE) activity follows the guidelines set by the NPCR for assessment of the central cancer registry. The results provide a comparison of the central cancer registry's performance with NPCR program standards and recommendations to improve data accuracy. Results from the NPCR/FCDS Audit showed a 99.1% accuracy rate for the Florida Cancer Data System. The rate was based on an audit of almost 2,500 case abstracts as well as review of all FCDS Policy and Procedures and Clinical Data Edits looking at treatment.

Westat, an independent auditing firm, carried out the NPCR-DQE under contract with the CDC.

The primary purpose of NPCR-DQE is to assess the data quality of NPCR-funded, population-based central cancer registries. These data are a crucial part of cancer surveillance systems because they are used for planning, operating, funding, and evaluating cancer control programs. Complete and accurate data are essential when assessing variations in and changes among population subgroups over time. The assessment is based on the existence of appropriate policies and procedures for the following:

- 1) Assessment of data quality
- 2) Text documentation
- 3) Data consolidation
- 4) Completeness of treatment information
- 5) Assessment of utilization of the MP/H rules for multiple primary tumors

Reconsolidation: 930 Source Abstracts were reviewed for accuracy and then reconsolidated (data are merged from all reporting sources in a standardized fashion to create a complete cancer record detailing diagnosis, treatment and follow-up for each cancer diagnosed/treated) for cancers of the bladder, breast,
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colon, lung, prostate, and melanoma of the skin. More than 10,000 individual data items were assessed during the reconsolidation audit procedure. Data items included in this audit included; Date of Diagnosis, Primary Site, Laterality, Histology, Behavior, Grade, Stage at Diagnosis (multiple data items), Treatment (multiple modalities coded in multiple data items), and Treatment Dates.

RESULT: The overall Accuracy Rate was 99.1% . Every data item evaluated in the audit demonstrated “significantly higher” accuracy rates for Florida than was seen in our peer registries across the country .

Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules: Nearly 1,500 cases were audited for correct usage of the 2007 Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules for Solid Tumors. FCDS is the only registry in the country using a fully automated MPH Algorithm to determine whether cancers reported represent a single primary cancer or multiple primary cancers based on the published set of rules.

RESULT: The FCDS Accuracy Rate for our unique fully-automated application of the standardized Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules for Solid Tumors was 96.0% across all cancer sites.

None of the recent recognition, awards and the exceptional NPCR Audit outcomes would be possible without the combined efforts of the FCDS Staff, the Florida Department of Health, the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, the CDC/NPCR Program and perhaps most importantly the talented and dedicated abstractors and cancer registrars working across the state of Florida to bring high quality data into the Florida Cancer Data System.

We all have a lot to be proud of with our overall accuracy rate of 99.1% for this audit. Thank you all for your efforts and for your constant vigilance in providing the FCDS and the state of Florida with such outstanding cancer data.



NEW NCRA Informational Abstracts!

NCRA has posted two new Informational Abstracts: **Adult Benign/Borderline Brain & CNS Tumors** and **Adult Malignant Brain & CNS Tumors**.

NCRA's Education Committee created a series of informational abstracts. These site-specific abstracts provide an outline to follow when determining what text to include. [Download the 14 Informational Abstracts for free.](#)

Take the Informational Abstract quizzes to earn CEs. (The quizzes are \$25 each.)

New Resource! Informational Abstracts

The abstract is the basis of all registry functions. It is a tool used to help accurately determine stage and to aid cancer research; therefore, the abstract must be complete, containing all the information needed to provide a concise analysis of the patient's disease from diagnosis to treatment. To assist registrars in preparing abstracts, NCRA's Education Committee has created a series of informational abstracts and a presentation titled *Using the Informational Abstracts in Your Registry* that shows registrars how to use these important resources. These site-specific abstracts provide an outline to follow when determining what text to include.

Informational Abstracts

[Informational Abstract: Adult Primary: Benign Brain](#)
[Informational Abstract: Adult Primary: Malignant Brain](#)
[Informational Abstract: Bladder](#)
[Informational Abstract: Breast](#)
[Informational Abstract: Cervical](#)
[Informational Abstract: Colon](#)
[Informational Abstract: Endometrial](#)

[Informational Abstract: Kidney](#)
[Informational Abstract: Lung](#)
[Informational Abstract: Melanoma](#)
[Informational Abstract: Ovarian](#)
[Informational Abstract: Pancreas](#)
[Informational Abstract: Prostate](#)
[Informational Abstract: Renal/Pelvis/Ureter](#)

To test your knowledge of the Informational Abstracts and earn CE credit, go to [Other CE Opportunities](#).



NAACCR 2016-2017 Webinar Series

The Florida Cancer Data System is happy to announce that for another year we will be presenting the NAACCR Cancer Registry and Surveillance Webinar, 2016-2017 series at seven locations throughout Florida. Be sure to mark your calendars for each of these timely and informative NAACCR webinars.

- Boca Raton Regional Hospital (Boca Raton)
- Moffitt Cancer Center (Tampa)
- M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Orlando (Orlando)
- Shands University of Florida (Gainesville)
- Gulf Coast Medical Center (Panama City)
- Baptist Regional Cancer Center (Jacksonville)
- Florida Cancer Data System (Miami)

Special thanks to the hosting facilities for their participation and support. For a complete description of the webinars, click here: https://fcds.med.miami.edu/scripts/naaccr_webinar.pl All webinars start at 9am.

Please go to the FCDS website to register online for your location of choice. Registration link is: https://fcds.med.miami.edu/scripts/naaccr_webinar.pl. A separate registration will be required for each webinar. The number of participants allowed to be registered for each webinar will be dependent on space availability. For more information, please contact Steve Peace at 305-243-4601 or speace@med.miami.edu.

DATE	TOPIC
*10/6/16	Collecting Cancer Data: Melanoma
*11/3/16	Collecting Cancer Data: Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm
*12/1/16	Collecting Cancer Data: Lung
*1/12/17	AJCC Staging
*2/2/17	Collecting Cancer Data: Colon
*3/2/17	Abstracting and Coding Boot Camp: Cancer Case Scenarios
*4/13/17	Collecting Cancer Data: Lip and Oral Cavity
*5/4/17	Multiple Primary and Histology Rules
*6/1/17	Collecting Cancer Data: Liver and Bile Ducts
*7/13/17	Hospital Cancer Registry Operations Topic TBD
*8/3/17	Collecting Cancer Data: Central Nervous System
9/7/17	Coding Pitfalls

*All NAACCR Webinars presented are available on the FCDS website, on the Downloads page: <http://fcds.med.miami.edu/inc/educationtraining.shtml>

NAACCR
CANCER REGISTRY
AND SURVEILLANCE
WEBINAR SERIES

Seven Florida facilities will host the 2016-2017 webinar series, registration is required



**REGISTER FOR THE
NEXT WEBINAR**

FCDS is the host site for Miami, FL with space for 10 participants.

**CEU information
for the 2016
FCDS Annual
Conference:**

CE Hours: 8.25

NCRA Recognition
Number: 2016-056

**CEU information
for the 2015
FCDS Annual
Conference:**

CE Hours: 8.75

NCRA Recognition
Number: 2015-077

Florida Cancer Data System

Cancer Reporting Completeness Report



The Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS) is Florida's statewide, population-based cancer registry and has been collecting incidence data since 1981 when it was contracted by the State of Florida Department of Health in 1978 to design and implement the registry. The University of Miami Miller School of Medicine has been maintaining FCDS (<http://fcds.med.miami.edu>) since that time.

The FCDS is wholly supported by the State of Florida Department of Health, the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

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TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES IN THE FCDS MASTERFILE AS OF JULY 31, 2017

Total number of *New Cases* added to the FCDS Master file in July, 2017: **14,508**

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

ADMISSION YEAR	HOSPITAL	RADIATION	AMBI/ SURG	DERMATOLOGY	PHYSICIANS CLAIMS	DCO	TOTAL CASES	NEW CASES
2017	8,265	0	27	3,890	17	Pending	12,199	8,959
2016	173,498	1,557	99	11,029	912	Pending	187,095	4,777
2015	190,814	8,436	189	11,356	13,204	Pending	223,999	772

		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Expected</u>
% Complete for:	2017	6%	8%
	2016	98%	100%
	2015	100%	100%

**Expected % based on 190,000 reported cases per year*

Missed an FCDS or NAACCR Webinar?



Did you know that both FCDS and NAACCR Webinars can be viewed after-the-fact. And, Continuing Education Hours are available to registrars that view recorded webinars? All FCDS Webcasts are recorded and posted on the FCDS Website (Education Tab). FCDS Webcast Recordings are available free of charge and can be viewed anytime/anywhere by anybody. Access to NAACCR Webinar Recordings is available only to registrars with Active/Current FCDS Abstractor Codes. Access to NAACCR Recordings is password protected. Contact FCDS for more information on viewing recorded webinars, or to obtain the password to view individual NAACCR Webcast Recordings.