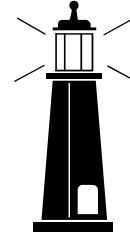


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The Newsletter for the Association of North Carolina Cancer Registrars

Spring 2015

Message from the President: Leta Vess, BA, CTR

Hello everyone,
January and February are in the rear view mirror and Spring will be here soon. I hope you have all weathered the cold temperatures and wintry precipitation without any serious problems.

As usual, the New Year brings lots of changes to our profession and ANCCR will be helping you stay current with the many opportunities we have to adapt to new and/or different requirements from our standard setters.

ANCCR sponsors the viewing of the NAACCR webinars in the western, central and eastern parts of the state. After the live viewing, the recorded webinars are available on the ANCCR website. I hope many of you will take advantage of this.

ANCCR members also receive emails from our website coordinator when new resources are announced and links are provided.

The NC Central Cancer Registry provides very helpful updates as well, thanks to Melissa Pearson, and these updates are available in our newsletter and on the website.

The 2015 NCRA annual education meeting will be May 20-23 in San Antonio. As usual, critical topics to help cancer registrars keep current with changes will be addressed. I am looking forward to attending and hope to see lots of other NC registrars there.

This year's NAACCR Annual Conference will be June 13-18 right here in Charlotte, North Carolina. This is an opportunity to attend a national meeting (and meet ACoS standard 1.11) without having to travel very far. See the NAACCR website for details.

And last, but certainly not least, our very own ANCCR annual conference will be in Raleigh, September 23-25 at the brand new Hilton Garden Inn at Crabtree Valley. The program committee, led by Kathy Foote, is putting together a great program filled with lots of educational opportunities. And after we cram our brains full of cancer registry

information, we can go shopping! The ANCCR annual meeting is a wonderful time to update our knowledge and have time with our fellow NC registrars. Please plan to attend. Registration information will soon be available on the ANCCR website.

As you read the reports from the various committees in this issue of the Sentinel, please know that ANCCR welcomes your participation as well as your comments and suggestions. Please contact any of the officers or board members to volunteer or to share your thoughts.

Best wishes for a peaceful spring.

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ANCCR's dear friend and member Judy Wazenkewitz passed away last year. The obit was on the NCRA website. Judy was a very kind person and was welcoming to new members of ANCCR. Judy was an animal lover and would say that she could talk with her dogs and understand what they were saying to her. Judy was active in our state association and in NCRA. Judy was ANCCR's President in 1990-1992. When Judy and her husband moved from Asheville, NC to Albuquerque, NM, she ordered new bedroom furniture and guess where that furniture came from – yes, North Carolina. She was excited about her new furniture. ANCCR is making a donation to the NCRA education foundation in her memory.

Here is the obit from the NCRA website:

Judith Wazenkewitz, age 69, passed away August 7, 2014 at her home in Albuquerque after a lengthy illness. Judith was born and grew up in England. After marrying Richard, they moved to the United States, where Judith became a U.S. citizen. Judith had been a cancer registrar for over 25 years and was a very active member of NCRA including serving on the NCRA Board of Directors. Judith will be very much missed by many of us. She will be cremated and her remains will be taken back to New York State, where there will be a small memorial service for her at the Polish National Catholic Church in Richard's home town. In lieu of flowers, she requested donations be made in her memory to: The Very Rev. Walter M. Madej, Pastor, Sacred Heart of Jesus-Holy Cross, PNCC, 206 Main Street, New York Mills, NY 13417.

2015 ANCCR Fall Meeting
September 23-25, Raleigh, NC

2015 NCRA Educational Conference
May 21-23, San Antonio, TX

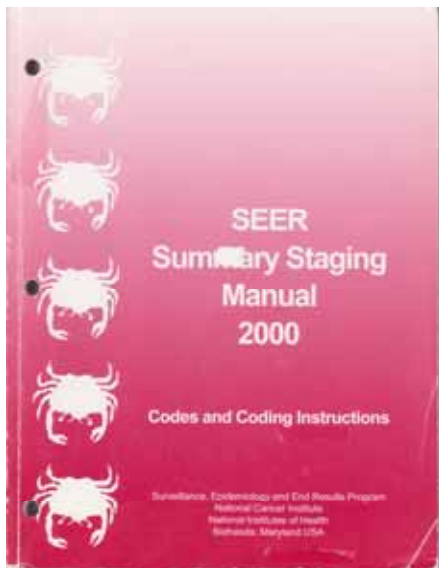
2015 NAACCR Annual Conference
June 13-18, Charlotte, NC

2016 NCRA Educational Conference
April 10-13, Las Vegas, NV

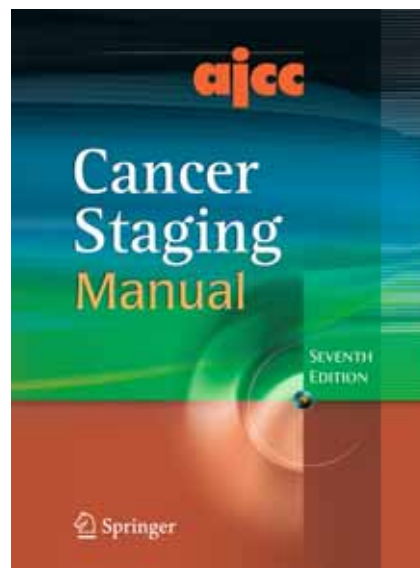
2017 NCRA Educational Conference
April 5-8, Washington, DC

Are you ready for directly assigned staging?

Staging Requirements for 2015



Directly assigned Summary Stage is required for ALL cases from ALL facilities.



Directly assigned AJCC Staging (clinical and pathologic T, N, M and Stage Group) is required for all CoC accredited facilities.

Directly assigned AJCC Staging (clinical and pathologic T, N, M and Stage Group) is required from non-CoC facilities when the information is available.

The complete SS2000 manual with all errata included is available on the SEER website at: <http://www.seer.cancer.gov/tools/ssm/>
Complete SEER Summary Staging Manual - 2000 [3.5 MB - updated 12/2012]

Important: Directly assigned Summary Stage and AJCC TNM Stage is required for ALL cases. This includes non-analytic cases. If the Summary Stage or any component of the AJCC TNM Stage AT DIAGNOSIS is known, then record in the appropriate data items. If the Stage AT DIAGNOSIS is NOT known, then record the appropriate value for unknown.

Complete coding of required CS data items for all cases diagnosed 1/1/2004 and after is still required.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Net Worth – As of 1/14/15
Kelly Lowrance, RHIT, CTR

<u>Account</u>	<u>Balance</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
ANCCR Checking	6,015.15
Money Market	30,897.64
Shares Account	<u>60.40</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	36,973.19
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	36,973.19

Checking Account Activity since 11/20/14

Beginning Balance: 4,645.81

Expenses:

2015 Fall Meeting Search	- 140.39
Website Design	- 1,264.40
Bank Fees	- .53
SECU Foundation	- <u>3.00</u>
	- \$ 1,408.32

Deposits:

Dividends Earned	+ 2.66
Membership Dues	+ 1,890.00
Vendor Fees	+ <u>885.00</u>

Total Deposits 2,777.66

Checking Acct Balance as of 1/14/15: \$ 6,015.15

WEB SITE REPORT

Cathy Rimmer, BA, MDiv, CTR

Instructions on how to register as a member on the web site were emailed to members. The instructions have also been posted on the web site. Information about the 2015 Fall Meeting has been posted. We were contacted about a banner ad for the web site. The company that expressed interest has not contacted me back.

EDUCATION REPORT

Jenean M. Burris, RHIT, CTR

AJCC Curriculum—I'm sure everyone has received the email, but have you had a chance to register for the webinar, take the quiz, and review the information? It's a great review of AJCC staging principles! The webinar is coming up on February 24, 2015 at 2:00pm EST. Here is the link to register for the webinar and review the information:

https://outlook.wakehealth.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=anl0K0ccHU6zGfg_o05475lOpOAHFNlr8_hjZZaug44lkkpSv9VXLKRUXCHf5Xf70NwPyRh3q0.&URL=http%3a%2f%2fcancerstaging.org%2fCSE%2fRegistrar%2fPages%2fAJCC-Curriculum.aspx

As I was looking for information to teach the course CIM 150 Oncology Coding & Staging Systems I ran across a great tool! The [2014+ Coding Grade Flowchart](http://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/publications) that is found on the NCRA Publications <http://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/publications> It is a free download that offers a simplified explanation of interpreting and assigning grade, there is also a link to the General Rules for solid tumors in the document.

SEER*Educate has updated their HEME cases using the most current instructions provided in the 2015 Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Coding Manual. This manual was updated on January 14, 2015.

If anyone needs CE hours there are some good opportunities coming up here in NC! For those RHIT/RHIA credential holders who need to get in hours in ICD-10 coding the NCHIMA state meeting is going to be held in Greensboro, April 21-24.

Here is the link for more information:

http://www.nchima.org/continuing-education/annual-meeting/?utm_source=NCHIMA&utm_campaign=25df7f61a4-Join+Us+for+the+2015+Annual+Meeting%21&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_39736bcbe3-25df7f61a4-167845625

NAACCR will be holding their annual conference in Charlotte in June.

Here is the link for more information:

<http://www.naacr.org/EducationandTraining/AnnualConference.aspx>

2015 CTR Exam Dates:

- February 28-March 21
Application deadline: Jan 31
- June 20 – July 11
Application deadline: May 29
- October 17 – November 7
Application deadline: Sept 18

MEMBERSHIP

Vickie Gill, RHIA, CTR

As of February 12, there are 110 ANCCR members.

NCRA LIAISON REPORT

Melanie Rogan, CTR

Conference scheduled 05/21-05/23. Conference brochures have been mailed out and available on line. There will be 18 CEU's awarded for entire conference. State president's lunch will be held 05/22. Registration is open and you can receive the early bird member rate if registered before 03/31/2015 which is a \$125 savings vs the regular rate after 03/31/15.

A4C REPORT

Leta Vess, BA, CTR

I attended the meeting of the NC Advisory Committee on Cancer Coordination and Control in Raleigh on November 7, 2014. This was the first meeting I attended representing ANCCR.

The 2014-2020 NC Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan was introduced to the group. I will be on the Early Detection/Prevention subcommittee (the same one Cathy Rimmer was on.)

The 8th Annual Cancer Survivorship Summit will be May 1-2, 2015 in Asheville.

My breast cancer risk website: mybcrisk.org was introduced.

WAYS AND MEANS

Kisha Raynor, CTR

I am working on ideas for fundraisers. I also welcome any ideas.

NCRA's Mentoring Program

Joanne Essick, BA, CTR

I joined the NCRA mentoring program in May, 2014 and have been assigned three mentees. After signing the initial agreement with each, I have not received many questions, so it's certainly been manageable. The NCRA Mentoring Program has 150 mentees and could use more Mentors, so please consider becoming one.

Mentoring Best Practices

- Think of yourself as a "learning facilitator" rather than the person with all the answers. Help your mentee find people and other resources that go beyond your experience and wisdom on a topic.
- Emphasize questions over advice giving. Use probes that help your mentee think more broadly and deeply. If she/he talks only about facts, ask about feelings. If she/he focuses on feelings, ask her/him to review the facts.
If she/he seems stuck in an immediate crisis, help her/him see the big picture.
- When requested, share your own experiences, lessons learned, and advice. Emphasize how your experiences could be different from hers/his experiences and are merely examples. Limit your urge to solve the problem for her/him.
- Resist the temptation to control the relationship and steer its outcomes; your mentee is responsible for her/his own growth.
- Help your mentee see alternative interpretations and approaches.
- Build your mentees confidence through supportive feedback.
- Encourage, inspire, and challenge your mentee to achieve her/his goals.
- Help your mentee reflect on successful strategies she/he has used in the past that could apply to new challenges.
- Be spontaneous now and then. Beyond your planned conversations, call or e-mail "out of the blue" just to leave an encouraging word or piece of new information.
- Reflect on your mentoring practice. Request feedback.
- Enjoy the privilege of mentoring. Know that your efforts will likely have a significant impact on your mentee's development as well as your own.

Resources for Mentors

NCRA Center for Cancer Registry Education (CCRE) has sections on *CTR Prep*, *Become a CTR*, and *Earn the CTR* for Mentors who are working with Mentees preparing for a career in the cancer registry field.

NCRA Mentoring Committee presents Kendra Hayes' presentation on Active Listening Skills for Mentors

NCRA Mentoring Committee presents member Christena Vallerga's presentation on Ethics of Mentoring

Read the article: Mentoring Relationships 101: How to be a Great Mentor from *ASSOCIATIONS NOW* magazine of the Center for Association Leadership, May 2010.

Join the NCRA Mentoring Group on LinkedIn.

Go to NCRA's website for more information.

REPORT FROM THE NC CENTRAL CANCER REGISTRY

Melissa Pearson, CTR

The NC CCR noticed a decrease in the prostate incidence rates published in the 2012 reports. Other Central Cancer Registries appear to have experienced the same decrease. Below is the explanation that was included with the reports posted on our website and the link to these reports:-

http://www.schs.state.nc.us/data/cancer/incidence_rates.htm

The widespread use of prostate-specific antigen (PSA) testing has dramatically changed the epidemiology of prostate cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, incidence rates for prostate cancer spiked dramatically in the United States in the late 1980s and early 1990s, in large part because of increased use of the PSA blood test for screening. Since then, rates have been steadily declining. From 2007 to 2011, incidence rates were stable in men younger than 65 and decreased by 2.8% per year in those 65 and older (1). SEER has reported similar findings. Using statistical models for analysis, rates for new prostate cancer cases have been falling on average 2.4% each year over the last 10 years (2).

The decline in rates may represent the effect of screening anticipation: incidence has become lower than expected as cases that were bound to present have already been diagnosed through screening. The decline in the incidence rate observed in North Carolina is consistent with that found in the national statistics and may suggest that the PSA screening prevalence effect is starting to subside. For more information on the PSA Test, see <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/detection/PSA>.

(1) American Cancer Society. *Cancer Facts & Figures 2015*. Atlanta: American Cancer Society; 2015.

(2) <http://seer.cancer.gov/statistics/summaries.html> (accessed 1/26/2015)

ANCCR HOSPITAL RESOURCE MANUAL

NC Registrars, Supervisors, Directors and Data Reports were asked to update the 2014 ANCCR Hospital Resource Manual. Thank you for assisting in updating this valuable resource.

The 2015 ANCCR Hospital Resource Manual will be ready soon!

HISTORIAN REPORT

Deborah Poovey, CTR

We are seeking candidates for the Luna M. Woods Award. This award was established in 1993, in honor of Luna M. Woods, CTR, foundress of Tumor Registrars Association of NC.

This award is in recognition of deserving candidates who have demonstrated dedication, educational leadership, extraordinary enthusiasm, tireless commitment, professional achievement or outstanding and attentive faithful service that benefit the Tumor Registrars Association of NC and tumor registry profession.

Nominations for this award can be made in writing or submitted by e-mail. Nominator must be an ANCCR member-in-good-standing. Nominee need not be a member of ANCCR.

Nomination forms are available on the ANCCR website . Deadline for submission is September 9, 2015.

Candidates for the Lou Woods award can be sent to the attention of Debbie Poovey, CTR, ANCCR Historian, to one of the delivery methods below:

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Hickory, NC 28601

Deborah Poovey, CTR
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Catawba Valley Medical Center
810 Fairgrove Church Road SE
Hickory, NC 28602
(828) 326-3350 (if you have questions)

FAX: (828) 326-2910 ATTN: Debbie Poovey, CTR
e-mail: dpovey@catawbavalleymc.org

News – Facts – Articles – Updates

Send information to: *The Sentinel* Editor
Inez Inman, Cancer Registry, WF Baptist Medical Center
iinman@wakehealth.edu 336-713-6828



Rare Blood Moon on the Rise

The moon glowed red on April 15, 2014 and will happen three more times in the next 18 months. It's all part of a lunar eclipse "tetrad": a series of four consecutive total lunar eclipses that happen at about six-month intervals. The next one is due October 8, 2014, followed by blood moons April 4, 2015, and September 28, 2015, according to NASA. There will be a total lunar eclipse on those dates, when the moon passes into the Earth's shadow, and the moon will begin to appear bright orange or red because of the way sunlight bends through the Earth's atmosphere. The sunset hue lasts up to an hour.



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