



New Hampshire State Cancer Registry

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New Hampshire State Cancer Registry is continuing with efforts to optimize and increase reporting of new cancer cases. As you are aware, New Hampshire state law requires that all new cancer cases be reported to the NHSCR within 45 days of diagnosis. This information is critical to accurately report cancer trends via the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Last quarter, we sent letters to the three major reporting specialties (Dermatology, Urology, and Gastroenterology). We are wrapping up our preliminary phone correspondence to these practices to update our database and increase awareness of the importance of reporting new cases. We will continue this throughout the coming year, with a focus on other reporting entities including; Hematology/Oncology Practices, Nursing Homes, Hospice Centers, Ambulatory Surgery Centers and Radiation Therapy Practices.

There are several mechanisms for reporting to the NHSCR. Some offices have an arrangement with their hospital cancer registry to report on their behalf. In some instances, a Reference Laboratory handles the reporting. The recommended approach is to report cancer cases through a secure electronic method. If you wish to submit cases electronically, we will provide your practice access (login and password) to the WebPlus® website. Please contact us to learn more about this secure option. An alternative is to fax (603-653-6699) our *Cancer Report Form* with an attached **Pathology Report**.

You have all been so helpful and receptive when called upon for this information. It's been a pleasure talking with the practice managers and staff.

Please visit our website for the most current *Cancer Report Form* (<http://geiselmed.dartmouth.edu/nhscr/>).

The most recent cancer report for New Hampshire (2006-2010) has recently been made available at:

<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/hsdm/cancer/publications.htm>

We expect that the WISDOM tool, which has recently undergone beta testing and review, will be ready for general use soon. This will provide customizable cancer reports for the state.

Please feel free to contact Cathy Ayres with any questions or concerns at 603-653-6624. You may send an email to me at catherine.m.ayres@dartmouth.edu