

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE CANCER REGISTRY

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Director Change

After serving many years as Director of the Norris Cotton Cancer Center and then Professor of Community and Family Medicine, Dr. Bob Greenberg has announced that he will retire this summer. He has provided NHSCR with expert, thoughtful guidance the past 3 years and we are going to miss him.

Judy Rees, MPH, PhD, will be taking on responsibility as our director when Dr. Greenberg leaves. Judy was born in Wales and attended Oxford University Medical School, where she met her husband. Prior to coming to Dartmouth, they lived in San Francisco from 1996 to 2001 where she completed her MPH, PhD, and had two children. In addition to directing NHSCR, Judy is currently working in a variety of research areas, including development of a statewide birth defects registry, a chemoprevention trial of colorectal polyps, the health effects of toxic metal exposure, and susceptibility to prion diseases.

We have enjoyed getting to know Judy over the past few months and hope that she can attend our next meeting so you can meet her too.

Winter Meeting a Success

NHSCR sponsored a 3–state registrar meeting in early December in Laconia. Steven Roffers, ScD, CTR, PA, from the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University presented 2 days of principles of abstracting, with lots of hands-on practice. Approximately 80 registrars from Maine, Vermont and New Hampshire attended this intense workshop.

Congratulations!!

Barbara Snyder at Portsmouth Regional Hospital passed the certification exam

NHSCR is on the Web!

Please visit the NHSCR website at
<http://cancer.dartmouth.edu/nhcr/index.shtml>.
Your feedback is appreciated!

WE NEED RAPIDS EACH AND EVERY MONTH!

The simplest way to transmit is via the web site: no zipping, no passwords, and secure.
Please contact Bruce Riddle at 603-653-1036 if you need more information.

What every cancer registry should have....

The following is a list of resources that your registry should have. In the April 2003 newsletter, NHSCR included a table, "Effective Dates for Registry Standard References". Please refer to this table for previous references and effective dates of coding manuals.

FORDS: Revised for 2004. A revised version of the FORDS has been issued by the Commission on Cancer (CoC) to accommodate the new reporting requirements beginning January 1, 2004. These include the non-malignant brain and central nervous system tumors and the data items which are part of the collaborative Staging System. The CoC hoped to mail a complementary printed copy by the end of January 2004 to each CoC-approved registry. NHSCR will obtain a limited number of additional copies to supply non-CoC hospitals, non-registry hospitals who desire a copy, and hospitals who need additional copies. More information is available at <http://www.facs.org/cancer/fordsmanual.html>

Cancer Program Standards 2004. Implementation of the *Cancer Program Standards 2004* will be required of all Commission on Cancer (CoC)-approved cancer programs starting on January 1, 2004. This publication replaces all previous cancer program standards-related publications produced by the CoC including *Standards of the CoC Volume I: Cancer Program Standards*, *Standards of the CoC Volume I (N): Cancer Program Standards for Networks*, and *The Complete Guide to Interpreting Cancer Program Standards*. Hard-copies are available from the CoC for \$30. For information or for a complimentary electronic copy go to: <http://www.facs.org/cancer/coc/programstandards.html> .

AJCC Cancer Staging Manual, 6th Edition. The latest TNM manual is effective with cases diagnosed January 1, 2003 forward. NHSCR has previously supplied at least one manual to all registry and non-registry hospitals. This manual is available through Springer-Verlag's website: <http://www.cancerstaging.net/> .

SEER Summary Staging Manual 2000. This manual contains codes and coding instructions for the summary stage field for cases diagnosed January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003. More info can be found at <http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/ssm/> .

Collaborative Staging Manual and Coding Instructions. The National Cancer Institute/Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results Program (NCI/SEER), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention/National Program of Cancer Registries (CDC/NPCR), and the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons (CoC/ACoS) are working together to have a large, **but limited**, supply of printed copies of the *Collaborative Staging Manual and Coding Instructions* available for distribution in late February. NHSCR has requested a number of manuals for all registry hospitals. This publication is also available electronically and can be downloaded from the following website: <http://www.cancerstaging.org/collab.html> .

ICD-O-3, Third Ed. This manual contains codes for the site (topography) and histology (morphology) of all neoplasms. It is effective with cases diagnosed January 1, 2003. More info can be found on SEER's website: <http://seer.cancer.gov> .

*****NHSCR is including erratas, clarifications, etc. in the mailing of this newsletter.*****

Assessment of Completeness of Reporting Melanoma Cases

Macro International, Inc., in collaboration with NHSCR is conducting the “Assessment of Completeness of Reporting Melanoma Cases” diagnosed during 2000 in New Hampshire. The project encompasses an evaluation of central cancer registry cases completeness and data quality in states that have received cancer control funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under the National Program of Cancer Registries cooperative agreements. This project is one way in which the responsible parties can assess the completeness and accuracy, and the impact of underreporting melanoma cases to the NHSCR. The NHSCR is eager to participate in this review.

Macro’s certified tumor registrars will conduct casefinding and/or reabstracting audits at randomly selected facilities. They will also be evaluating case submissions from reporting physicians. Upon completion, Macro International will provide a final report as well as training to the reporting facilities based on the audit findings. We would like to thank all the selected facilities beforehand for all their effort, assistance and cooperation. Thank you!

Important Dates

CTR Exam

Application Deadline: January 31, 2004
Spring Exam: March 13 through March 27
Fall Exam Application Deadline: July 31, 2004
Fall Exam Date: September 11 through 25
www.ncra-usa.org/certification/exam.htm

Principles of Oncology for Cancer Registry Professionals

July 26-30, 2004
December 6-10, 2004
Potomac, Maryland
SEER Program of the Nat’l Cancer Institute
<http://seer.cancer.gov/training/oncology>

Principles & Practice of Cancer Registration, Surveillance & Control

April 5-9, 2004
August 2-6, 2004
November 1-5, 2004
Emory University
Atlanta, Georgia
www.sph.emory.edu/GCCS/training/practice

NCRA 2004 Annual Conference

April 20-23, 2004
Portland, OR
www.ncra-usa.org

NAACCR Annual Meeting

June 5-12, 2004
Salt Lake City, UT
www.naacr.org

NESEH (Bladder Study) UPDATE

The New England Study of Environment and Health enters its final year with 453 new cases of bladder cancer in age-eligible New Hampshire residents reported as of 2/02/04. Studies such as this are an integral part of cancer surveillance in NH. They cannot be done without access to newly diagnosed cancer cases. Access to new cases is impossible without local cancer registrars, who provide the first line of assessment, prevention, and control of cancer in our state. We are most grateful for your continuing efforts to provide us with rapid reports of all cancers.

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