

# NHSCR Registry Report



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## Visual Editing and Quality Improvement

In order to ensure quality data in the state registry, NHSCR performs recoding audits on submitted cases. This entails the visual editing of the first 100 abstracts per diagnosis year submitted by each hospital. Each abstract contains more than 100 data items, of which 14 are considered major data items. Accuracy is based on the number of discrepancies identified in these 14 data items. An accuracy rate of 98% has been established as the standard for acceptance of reported data. Once a recoding study has been done on your data, NHSCR will schedule a site visit to discuss your results. Because of the changes implemented for 2004 with FORDS and Collaborative Staging, this is an excellent opportunity for us to hone the skills necessary to produce accurate and useful data.

## Update: New England Study of Environment & Health (NESEH)

The New England Bladder Study is drawing to a close. Since the study's inception you have reported 1210 bladder cancer cases, of which approximately 702 were eligible for study participation, many more than were anticipated! Because of this excess, only cases diagnosed 1/01/02 through 7/31/04 will be included. We are grateful to all the registrars and reporting staff for getting new cases to us so quickly.

Final interviews with study participants will be completed by 3/31/05. As mentioned in our August update, we trust definitive reports for all your study-eligible bladder cases will be submitted to us by then. To that end, we will be sending registrars a summary of each hospital's NESEH bladder cases with a notation of any outstanding definitives.

## National Cancer Registrars Week

The week of April 4-8, 2005 is National Cancer Registrars Week! The theme for this year is **WORKING TODAY FOR A HEALTHIER TOMORROW**. This is a good opportunity for cancer registrars to take pride in their work and show other departments in their facility what cancer registration is all about. Visit the NCRA website for ideas on how you can celebrate and promote your registry at the same time!

<http://www.ncra-usa.org/join/programs.htm#sub1>

***WE NEED RAPIDS EACH AND EVERY MONTH!***

The simplest way to transmit is via the web site: no zipping, no passwords, and secure.

## What's in the Mail?

NHSCR highly recommends that all reporting facilities sending sensitive hardcopy information have procedures in place to effectively safeguard confidential patient information. These include using UPS or FedEx to our courier address, or US Postal Service (Certified/Registered) to our P.O. Box as listed in the return address of this newsletter.

## Completeness

NHSCR submitted data on December 1, 2004 to the NAACCR Call-for-data and on January 28, 2005 to the CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries Cancer Surveillance System. For us, that closes out diagnosis year 2002.

All 2003 cases were due to us by June 30, 2004. We evaluate 2003 hospital completeness by taking an average of the three previous years. If you are close to the average, do not worry. If there is more than 10% change, we will notify you. If you have not transmitted all 2003 definitive cases, we need them now! Soon, we will begin the 2003 death clearance and comparison of rapids and definitive cases received. Watch your mail!

## NAACCR 11

Just when you thought things could not get more fun, the standards bodies have announced new data elements for cases diagnosed January 1, 2006 forward. As always, new pages for the FORDS manual will be coming and the software vendors will be providing updates. NHSCR will distribute the latest updates for the FORDS and Collaborative Staging manuals as well as NH-specific requirements at our Spring meeting on April 8th.

## The Mystery of Missing Cases

Each Fall we ask hospital registrars to re-transmit cases they are absolutely sure we already have, and that we are very sure we do not have. As a way to investigate this mystery we are seeking your help. When you prepare your transmission of definitive cases, also send a written report. The written reports can be sent via courier to our office, or by registered mail to P.O. Box 186 or, if you have an electronic copy, to Bruce, zipped and pass-worded as always.

Bruce will match the names on the report to the names he receives. If they do not match exactly, he will call you.

## Nonregistry Hospitals Take Note!

The NHSCR is developing procedures to go paperless with nonregistry hospital reporting. Nonregistry hospitals are asked to continue reporting rapids using current methods. However, the NHSCR anticipates implementation of web-based reporting in the spring of 2005 for all non-registry hospitals. This reporting mechanism will enable nonregistry hospitals to complete an online abstracting form and submit rapid case reports through a secure website. While reporting via the Internet will not be mandatory, NHSCR will encourage facilities to consider this option. NHSCR will schedule a site-visit to your facility early this spring to provide more details, including hardware and software requirements.

As a reminder, NHSCR no longer requires non-registry hospitals to submit paper copies of medical records for definitive case reporting. Instead, NHSCR staff will schedule site-visits at least quarterly to perform case abstraction on-site. In doing so, we hope to reduce the burden of cancer reporting on the smaller hospitals.

## Non-Reportable Rapids

If you transmit a rapid to us and later determine that it is not reportable as a definitive, please notify your assigned NHSCR registrar. We recommend that a list be compiled and sent once a month.

## 2005 Cancer Awareness Calendar\*

### January 2005

- National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month

### March 2005

- National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month
- National Nutrition Month
- Great American Weigh In (March 2)

### April 2005

- National Cancer Control Month
- National Minority Cancer Awareness Week (April 17-23)
- National Volunteer Week (April 17-23)

### May 2005

- Skin Cancer Detection and Prevention Month
- Melanoma Monday (May 2 – American Academy of Dermatology)
- American Cancer Society Relay For Life® Signature Weekend (May 13-14)
- National Woman's Health Week (May 8-14)

### June 2005

- National Cancer Survivors Day (June 5)

### September 2005

- National Ovarian Cancer Month
- Childhood Cancer Month
- Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month
- Prostate Cancer Awareness Week (third week, Sept. 19-24)

### October 2005

- National Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- National Mammography Day (third Friday, Oct. 21)

### November 2005

- Great American Smokeout (third Thursday, Nov. 17)
- Lung Cancer Awareness Month
- National Family Caregivers Month

\* Source: American Cancer Society  
<[http://www.cancer.org/docroot/MED/content/MED\\_1\\_Cancer\\_Calendar.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/MED/content/MED_1_Cancer_Calendar.asp)>

## Mark Your Calendars!!!

The NHSCR Spring meeting will be held **Friday, April 8, 2005**, at the Grappone Center in Concord, NH. More information to follow.

## Important Dates

- **CRANE Workshop**  
March 11, 2005  
Portsmouth Regional Hospital  
Portsmouth, NH
- **NHSCR Spring Meeting**  
April 8, 2005  
Grappone Center  
Concord, NH
- **National Cancer Registrars Week**  
April 4-8, 2005
- **NCRA 31st Annual Educational Conference**  
April 10-13, 2005  
New Orleans, LA  
[www.ncra-usa.org](http://www.ncra-usa.org)
- **NAACCR 2005 Annual Meeting**  
June 7-9, 2005  
Boston, MA  
[www.naacccr.org](http://www.naacccr.org)
- **CRANE Workshop**  
June 23, 2005  
Metro West Medical Center  
Framingham, MA
- **CTR Exam**  
Fall Exam Application Deadline: July 31, 2005  
Fall Exam Date: September 10 through 24  
[www.ncra-usa.org/certification/exam.htm](http://www.ncra-usa.org/certification/exam.htm)
- **CRANE Workshop**  
August, 2005  
Women's & Infants Hospital  
Providence, RI
- **CRANE Annual Meeting**  
November 7-8, 2005  
Marlboro, MA

## NAACCR Annual Meeting

For the first time in years, the NAACCR Annual Meeting is going to be in Boston, June 7-9. While the emphasis is on central registries, many of the presentations are of interest to all cancer registries. The NAACCR web site will have a preliminary program and registration information very soon.

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*Pending new appointment*

## ***NHSCR on the Web***

Please visit at: <http://cancer.dartmouth.edu/nhcr/index.shtml>  
*We are in the process of updating the NHSCR website. Suggestions are welcome!*

The State website for New Hampshire cancer data is:  
<http://www.dhhs.nh.gov/DHHS/HSDM/cancer-data.htm>

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