

NHSCR Registry Report



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Please note the following labels in FORDS 2004:

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*The NHSCR is a population-based incidence registry responsible for collecting all cancer cases seen and/or treated in NH since June 1986. Place of diagnosis, residence and class of case **ARE NOT** determining factors for reportability.*

In principle, any case that has evidence of active cancer or any case that is at your facility for cancer-directed treatment is reportable, regardless of where the patient was originally diagnosed and/or treated or the place of residence at time of diagnosis. We understand that for many non-analytic cases there will be little information, if any at all. It is acceptable to abstract the case with the little information that is available, even if fields are left "unknown".

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*If information on a completed definitive case is revised as a result of additional information becoming available, submit a revised **PAPER** abstract to the NHSCR with a notation stating the case is a revised abstract with new or additional information.*

NHSCR needs a paper abstract so that we can manually make the changes. If you resubmit the case electronically, it will not replace the old case that we have in the registry, nor are the new changes/updates made automatically. Highlighting the change will greatly assist us in identifying the change!

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

Final data delivery date for the study was 1/31/06. All subjects have now been interviewed. Documents and specimens (blood, urine, water, slides, etc.) from those visits have been reviewed for completeness and eligibility, and all corrections made. Analysis of some of the data has already begun, and NCI investigators will begin meeting with their collaborators to plan publications from those analyses.

NHSCR Data Submissions

As we do each year, NHSCR submitted cases to the NAACCR Call for Data 2006 on December 1, 2005 and to NPCR-CSS on January 31, 2006. NAACCR and NPCR both ask for data for the time periods 1995-2003 but in addition, NPCR asks for data for the year 2004. Also on January 31, 2006, we were required to submit data to NH DHHS DPHS. The final 2003 data submitted to the state has to be 95% complete and the 2004 data has to be 95% complete for New Hampshire Hospitals.

Thanks, Non-Registry Hospitals!

Non-registry hospitals are using the NHSCR web site to submit rapid reports to us. This is a tremendous help to us and saves us and the hospitals from processing lots & lots of paper.

Collaborative Stage Updates

New Version 01.02.00 Collaborative Staging and Coding Manual Replacement pages are now available. All cases diagnosed on or after **January 1, 2005** should be coded according to the new tables of Version 01.02.00.

<http://www.cancerstaging.org/cstage/manuals.html>

Reliability Study

The CoC is in the process of evaluating the CS Reliability Study conducted last November. This study will be used to identify the need for additional clarification to the CS manual, changes to preferred answers and development of additional educational materials.

FORDS: Revised for 2004 New Errata for 2005 Now Available

New FORDS pages were made available online:

<http://www.facs.org/cancer/coc/fordsmanual.html>

Of particular importance, ACoS-approved facilities should review the changes made to Class of Case 0, Date of First Recurrence, Type of First Recurrence, and Cancer Status.

As mentioned at the NHSCR Spring 2005 meeting, we will be sending updates to the NHSCR Data Collections Manual (aka FORDS: Revised for 2004) to be consistent with changes made by the ACoS as well as by NPCR.

Mark Your Calendars!!!

The NHSCR Spring Education Meeting will be held **Friday, April 7, 2006**, at the C.R. Sparks Center in Bedford, NH. More details will be sent soon. *If you haven't done so already, please send questions you would like discussed at the meeting to: marcia.berry@dartmouth.edu*

Reporting 2006 Cases

Beginning with cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2006, NHSCR will require the collection and transmission of the following data items:

RX Summ-Systemic/Sur Seq [1639]*

Type of Reporting Source [500]*

Primary Payer at DX [630]**

Case Finding Source [501]*

*These data items can be filled in for "straggler" pre-2006 cases; however, it is recommended that no changes be made to the fields for cases already existing in the registry database diagnosed prior to January 1, 2006.

**It is required to convert historical data to match the current codes.

The new multiple primary and histology rules and the associated data items will be implemented for cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2007. Therefore, data items associated with the new multiple primary rules are to be left blank for cases diagnosed on or prior to December 31, 2006. The data items are as follows:

Ambiguous Terminology DX [442]

Date of Conclusive DX [443]

Mult Tum Rpt as One Prim [444]

Date of Multiple tumors [445]

Multiplicity of Counter [446]

Number of Tumors/Hist [447]

No registry hospital should transmit any 2006 cases before their software is updated to NAACCR 11!

What a Concept!

Did you know you could transmit cases the same day(s) each month, whether you have just 1 case or dozens? This avoids your receiving a call from NHSCR asking why we haven't received any cases from your hospital during the current month. By sending cases regularly, we'll know when to anticipate receiving your cases.

Quarterly Reports on Cancer Case Reporting

Beginning April 2006, the NHSCR will be generating quarterly reports on the completeness and timeliness of cancer case reporting for each facility. As an unofficial "test run", the first report (Preliminary reports) will be based on case submissions received during the last quarter of 2005, October-December. It is expected that in this quarter all facilities be 50% complete for 2005 case reporting. The reports will be mailed for your review prior to our Spring meeting, at which time there will be an opportunity to discuss them and answer any questions you may have. The first "official" reports will be for the 1st quarter of this year, January-March, 2006, when 75% of the 2005 cancer cases are due.

NHSCR Completeness Update

As of January 31, 2006, we are 30% complete for cases diagnosed in Year 2005. This is based on 2003 data received.

DHHS Change

NHSCR would like to welcome Dr. Karla Armenti as the new Chief of the DHHS Bureau of Health Statistics and Data Management. Dr. Armenti received her Doctorate of Science in occupational and environmental health from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. She has worked as a research consultant on NIOSH and EPA grants, collaborating with universities such as UMASS Lowell, Rutgers and UNH. Her research focus has been on the integration of occupational and environmental health and intervention effectiveness.

We look forward to working with Dr. Armenti on NH Cancer surveillance projects!

Important Dates

- **Principles of Oncology for Cancer Registry Professionals**
Dates and location not yet available
<http://seer.cancer.gov/training/oncology>
- **CTR Exam**
Fall Exam Application Deadline: July 31, 2006
Fall Testing Period: Sept. 16-30, 2006
www.ncra-usa.org/certification/exam.htm
- **NPCR Education & Training Series:**
How to Collect High Quality Cancer Surveillance Data
March 20-23, 2006
Potomac, MD
<http://www.naaccr.org/>
- **CRANE Workshop**
March 31, 2006
Gifford Medical Center
Randolph, VT
<http://craneonline.org>
- **NHSCR Spring Meeting**
April 7, 2006
C.R. Sparks Center
Bedford, NH
- **NCRA 32nd Annual Educational Conference**
May 5-8, 2006
Marriott Crystal Gateway Hotel
Arlington, Virginia (Washington, DC area)
<http://www.ncra-usa.org/conference/index.htm>
- **NAACCR 2006 Annual Meeting**
June 10-17, 2006
Regina, Saskatchewan
- **CRANE Annual Meeting**
November 12,13 & 14
Portland, Maine

Kudos!!!

Congratulations to our newest Certified Tumor Registrars:

Amanda Timlake, CTR—DHMC
Lisa Lemieux, CTR—Elliot
Judy Levine, CTR—Elliot

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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>