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NAACCR Webinar Series

Special thanks to those hospitals who have kindly volunteered to host the NAACCR webinars. Without your help presenting these webinars would not be feasible. Please consider hosting at least one of the remaining webinars of the 2008-2009 Webinar Series:

- 4/7/11 Collecting Cancer Data: Breast @ Concord Hospital
- 5/5/11 Collecting Cancer Data: Prostate @ Elliot Hospital
- 9/1/11 Coding Pitfalls: any takers??

These 3-hour presentations will present the following information for malignancies of the sites reviewed: anatomical information needed to abstract and code the cases; how to determine the number of primary tumors; how to code topography and histology; how to code the CSv2 data items; and the treatments and how to code them.

The following webinars are geared more for central registries and will be held at the NHSCR office. However, we invite registrars who are interested in these topics to attend:

- 6/2/11 Best Practices for Developing and Working with Survival Data
- 7/7/11 Complete Case Identification and Ascertainment
- 8/4/11 NAACCR Interoperability Activities and the Electronic Health Record

We will send out registration information as we get closer to the date of each webinar.

Abstracting Changes for 2011

FORDS

The Commission on Cancer has revised FORDS to introduce changes beginning with 2011 diagnosis. NHSCR has reviewed and updated it with revisions and new items according to NH-specific requirements. These revisions can be found on the NHSCR Data Collection Manual, which is based on FORDS and available at:

http://dms.dartmouth.edu/nhscr/pdf/nhscr_data_manual_2011.pdf

ICD-9-CM Casefinding List

The ICD-9-CM casefinding lists have been updated by SEER. NHSCR has added them to the revised 2011 NHSCR Data Collection Manual under Appendix H. While some codes may contain conditions that are not considered reportable, the lists can be used to identify reportable cancers. For new list go to:

<http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/casefinding/case2011short.html>.

Collaborative Staging

The new version of system, **CSv02.03** is to be used to code all cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2011. Once implemented into your registry, this new version should be used to code all newly abstracted cases diagnosed from 2004 forward. See <http://www.cancerstaging.org/cstage/schema.html>

Replacement Pages for MP/H Rules Manual

SEER has posted replacement pages for the MP/H Coding Manual. These should be inserted into your manual if you work with a printed version. The replacement pages can be found at:

<http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/mphrules/download.html>

Good-Bye & Hello

Patrice Braden, a member of our staff since September 2006, has recently relocated. Pat is now working at the Rhode Island Cancer Registry where, in addition to the usual central registry functions, she will be involved in implementing the CER grant in which Rhode Island also is participating. Pat is looking forward to the many cultural & educational options the urban New England environment has to offer. We will miss her in New Hampshire and wish her well with this exciting opportunity.

We are delighted to announce that effective April 1st Claire Davis has been promoted to Senior Registrar and will play a key role in our CER effort. As you all know, Claire came to NHSCR in March 2007 after eight years as the cancer registrar at Cheshire Medical Center.

We would like to welcome a new colleague, Jennifer Hart, who replaces Deb Rivet as registrar at St. Joseph's Hospital in Nashua. She has been a CTR since March 2010. Jennifer and her husband, Eric, moved to New Hampshire from Spokane, Washington. Coincidentally, Eric is currently an intern in the Cancer Registry at Elliot Hospital.

After many years at St. Joseph's, Deb Rivet has moved to the Lowell General Hospital in Massachusetts.

Personnel Recruitment

To help with the enhanced data collection pursuant to our selection as a CER-funded specialized registry, and to fill Pat Braden's position, NHSCR is currently interviewing candidates for two new positions. These are listed on searchjobs.dartmouth.edu (Position #1010817); they have also been posted with **CRANE, NCRA, etc.** We urge you to spread the word to potential candidates and ask anyone interested to contact DC Human Resources or Maria Celaya (603-653-6621) for further information.

2010 Case Ascertainment Audits

We have begun the 2010 pathology reviews, to be followed in April by the Medical Record Disease Indices audits. Christina will contact you with specifics, however most procedures will remain the same as in previous years. The major change is the revised SEER ICD-9-CM casefinding list, found at <http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/casefinding/case2011short.html>. Please be sure to advise your IT staff in good time to accommodate these changes.

NonRegistry Corner

With Pat's departure, we have hired a contractor to keep up with the site visits and abstracting until we fill the position. We appreciate everyone's assistance in having charts pulled and ready for review. Please keep those rapids coming!

Your Data at Work

We are pleased to showcase work that used NH cancer data:

Celaya MO, Riddle BL, Cherala SS, Rees JR. Reliability of Rapid Reporting of Cancers in New Hampshire. *J Registry Manag.* 2010 Winter;37(3):107-111.

In this paper we described the quality of data in rapid reports in New Hampshire, and we have already sent this paper to several researchers who are considering using the data in their studies. Thank you for your rapid reports!

Melanoma Incidence in New Hampshire (2010) by John Colby, PhD, EPHT Program Epidemiologist. An analysis of melanoma data in New Hampshire shows a disproportionate rise in the disease among young women aged 15-39, which is 38% higher than national rates in white women of the same age. The full report can be found at: <http://www.nh.gov/epht/publications/documents/NHEPHTMelanomaIssueBriefSeptember2010.pdf>

As a result of your data, the NH Cancer Control Collaboration is planning educational efforts to warn young New Hampshire residents about the dangers of excessive ultraviolet light exposure including tanning bed use.

2011 Definitive Case Reporting PLEASE WAIT!!!

We are advising registrars to defer submitting definitive 2011 abstracts until the Metriq software with the new data items becomes available. This is targeted for June 2011. Otherwise, you will have to re-review the chart and resubmit the missing items. We DO need your RAPID REPORTS within 45 days of diagnosis, each & every month.

Registry Hospital Updates

Completeness Report

As of December 31, 2010, 50% of year 2010 analytic cases should have been reported to NHSCR. We estimate that we are currently only at 28%. Your next hospital completeness reports will be produced in April 2011 and will be based on cases received through March 31, 2011. 75% of year 2010 data is due at that time. All reporting facilities are encouraged to transmit cases at least once every month.

Management Reports

We appreciate your efforts to notify us of changes to cases already transmitted to NHSCR, by sending a paper copy of the abstract and highlighting the corrections. Recently, however, there has been a significant increase in these updates, particularly in the treatment fields. Most applied to cases that had been reported too early. Please remember that definitive cases should be abstracted and reported at six (6) months from diagnosis. The reason is so that all initial treatment information will be included when the case is reported. For example, if you know a patient will be having chemotherapy followed by radiation therapy, please wait until ALL treatment has been initiated before marking the case complete.

We have also noticed an increase in abstracts lacking diagnosis date or patient address, absolutely crucial data! Please be diligent in supplying these items. Although the street address is always preferable, a mailing address is acceptable if that is the only one available.

We are happy to report that when PO Box *is* listed, it is now being entered correctly on the "Supplemental Address" line. And finally, there were NO errors regarding "grade" in this batch of abstracts. Other than these few observations, everyone is doing excellently. Thank you.

Important Dates—Mark Your Calendar! 2011

- 4/5-4/7 NPCR Program Directors' Meeting
Atlanta, GA
- 9/24/7 **Webinar:** Collecting Cancer Data: Breast
- 4/11-4/15 National Cancer Registrars Week
- 4/13 NH Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration 6th Annual Meeting including NHSCR Advisory Panel Meeting (noon) - Concord, NH
- 4/30 Annual Report due to DHHS on HV and DCO Provisional 2009 Database, 90% complete Quarterly Completeness Reports
- 5/5 **Webinar:** Collecting Cancer Data: Prostate
- 5/15-5/18 NCRA 37th Annual Meeting – Orlando, FL
- 5/30 Memorial Day Holiday
- 6/2 **Webinar:** Best Practices for Developing and Working with Survival Data
- 6/3 NHSCR Spring Training Meeting – Concord, NH
- 6/18-6/25 NAACCR 2011 Annual Meeting – Louisville, KY
- 7/7 **Webinar:** Complete Case Identification and Ascertainment
- 6/18-6/25 NAACCR 2011 Annual Meeting-Louisville, KY

Spring Training Meeting

Mark your calendars! NHSCR is holding a spring meeting on **Friday, June 3rd** at Concord Hospital in Concord, NH. The primary purpose of this meeting is to explain the CER Project. Agenda items will include:

- Metriq software updates – Cheryl Sheridan, Elekta
- Collection of New Data Items – Maria Celaya, NHSCR
- Preview Presentation for MDs – Dr. Judy Rees, NHSCR
- Biomarkers – Dr. Angeline Andrew, Dartmouth Medical School

We will notify registrars when registration opens and provide more meeting details as we get closer to June.

NHSCR Advisory Panel Meeting and NHCCC

The New Hampshire Comprehensive Cancer Collaboration will hold its 6th Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord, NH. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with other cancer professionals. If you would like to attend, you can register at: <http://www.nhcancerplan.org/annmtg11.php>

During the lunch hour, NHSCR will meet with the NHSCR Advisory Panel. We welcome topics for discussion. Please let us know if there is something in particular that you would like us to cover and we will include an update in the next newsletter.



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NHSCR on the Web

Please visit at: <http://dms.dartmouth.edu/nhscr/>
We continuously aim to improve 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>

WE NEED RAPIDS AND DEFINITIVES EACH AND EVERY MONTH!

Data transmissions should be made at least once a month. The simplest way to transmit is via the website. There's no zipping and it's secure. If you need help, please contact Bruce Riddle at 603-653-6620. He's always happy to help with sending your cases in!

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