

Indiana Abstract

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President Message Nancy Whipple, CTR

Hello Everyone,

I hope that you had a wonderful summer. This year's ICRA Fall Conference is at the Martin House and Lilly Conference Center. April Fritz and Val Vesich is returning this year as speakers. Claudia Jenkins our Program Chairman has done a GREAT JOB!

Thank you to everyone who agreed to be on the ballot for next year, and please consider chairing or serving on a committee. ICRA is a WONDERFUL ORGANIZATION and I truly enjoyed serving as president this year. Thanks most of all to my wonderful board, you have done a terrific job and I am honored to serve with all of you.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Conference on November 12th and 13th at the Lilly Conference Center.



President Elect/Audit Committee Chair, Cassie Nobbe, CTR

Mark your calendars for the 2016 ICRA Fall Conference to be held on November 12-13, 2016. ICRA will be once again using the Marten House and Lilly Conference Center as our location. If you have any ideas for speakers or topics for the 2016 program, please contact the Board of Directors via our email address (icra_indiana@yahoo.com) or add your suggestions to the 2015 Fall Conference Evaluations.

I am currently working on filling my committee chairs and liaison positions for the 2015-2016 ICRA Board. If you are interested in being an ICRA Committee Chair or Liaison for the 2015-2016 ICRA Board of Directors, please contact me at cassandra.nobbe@mmch.org. The 2014 ICRA treasury audit was completed in May with no noted discrepancies.

Website Committee Chair, Cassie Nobbe, CTR

The ICRA website has received a makeover. The new look was revealed in June. There were some issues with the new user ID and password for the 2015-2016 membership year. If you have troubles logging in, please contact the webmaster at icra_indiana@yahoo.com. A new membership directory will be uploaded to the website during the October update period. I am currently working on redoing the Registrar Resource tab. If you have any valuable websites that you would like added to this tab, please let me know.

Past President/Nomination Committee Chair, Jan Duncan, RHIT, CTR

The call for nominations was e-mailed earlier this year, with unfortunately only 4 returns. We also had only four willing to run for an office next year. Ballots were mailed on September 24. If anyone is willing to be on the Board please let Cassie Nobbe, President Elect, know of your willingness to serve.

Being an officer is not as difficult or time-consuming as one might think. The Board meets only three times per year (January, May, August), with a brief transition meeting at the end of Day 1 of the Fall Conference. Tasks are divided among many committee chairs who are always willing to assist the elected officers as needed.

Please consider running for an office in 2017; it would be wonderful to have more than one name for each position as we do this year. Your organization needs your help. Without a full board we may not be able to offer the programs currently available. Thanks very much!

Treasurer, Sherry Dowling, CTR

Indiana Cancer Registrars Association				
Quarter 1 :Fiscal Year 2015-2016				
Beginning Balance				\$ 14,051.36
	April	May	June	
Income:				
Membership		\$ 1,255.00	\$ 175.00	
Total Income:	\$ -	\$ 1,255.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,430.00
Expense:				
Mileage - Board		\$ 155.70		
Fall Conference Gift - 4 Imprint		\$ 541.63		
Total Expense:	\$ -	\$ 697.33	\$ -	\$ (697.33)
Ending Balance				\$ 14,984.03
Balance Savings Account				\$ 10,144.76
CD				\$ 10,118.92
Balance				\$ 35,247.71
Outstanding check				\$ (200.00)
Total Assets for ICRA:				\$ 35,047.71
Respectfully submitted by:				
Sherry Dowling, CTR				
ICRA Treasurer				

Education Committee Chair, Lisa LaGue, CTR

When I was a kid, I found piece of black tape on my grandmother's VCR. She said she put it there because she couldn't get the time set and she was tired of seeing it flash 12:00. I'm mentioning this story because, as I'm writing this article, I'm looking over at a clock radio in my office and the time is flashing. The power went out a few weeks ago and I still haven't reset this clock. It's not that I don't know how, it's more that I have to move it so I can see the little labels and that's after I throw on my drugstore readers. Since the time shows on my monitor, I don't really need to look at the clock so if I don't look over there, the blinking doesn't bother me. The bottom line is I am just not that motivated to stop the blinking time.

While teaching my grandmother how to set the clock on her VCR, I know I thought I would never be "too old" to keep up with technology. (Have you ever had an experience that like?) Now that I have several more years behind me, not that I'm anywhere close to being "old" yet, I have found that it is not just a matter of keeping up with technology. It is more about motivation. You have to want to learn new things. I have always loved learning and I imagine I always will.

When I first started working as a cancer registrar, educational opportunities were only available by attending workshops. That meant traveling to see and hear someone lecture live in-person. Today, opportunities for cancer registry education have expanded taking advantage of current technology.

One of the most recent opportunities involved a new approach. AJCC developed a series of self-instructional modules referred to as AJCC Curriculum for Registrars. The first module was released in January 2015 and registrars had a month to review the six posted lessons before viewing a webinar, which recapped the material from the self-study lessons. The next three modules were released individually every three months, again allowing a whole month with each module for registrars to review the six posted lessons before viewing a webinar. The material covered in each module was quite extensive but was divided between the lessons so it was easily managed in the given time frames.

Although the active term of the AJCC Curriculum is over, the lessons and webinars for all four modules are available for viewing on the AJCC website, <https://cancerstaging.org/CSE/Registrar/Pages/AJCC-Curriculum.aspx>.

Presentations recorded during NCRA's Annual Conferences relating to both AJCC's TNM Staging and SEER Summary Staging are available for viewing on NCRA's Center for Cancer Registry Education website, <http://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/>. There are seven presentations from the 2014 conference and six presentations from the 2015 conference.

Two sessions from the July 2015 Indiana State Cancer Registry workshop are available on the Indiana State Department of Health's video center website. Part 1 is a presentation on staging requirements, <http://videocenter.isdh.in.gov/videos/video/1734/>. Part 2 is a helpful presentation for abstracting breast cancer cases, <http://videocenter.isdh.in.gov/videos/video/1735/>.

All of these online educational opportunities are available for free to everyone. We are very fortunate that technology now provides us with so many options for learning with essentially no expense, no traveling and no registration fees. The only real expense to registrars is time. We probably all agree there is never enough time; however, it isn't just about the amount of time. Honestly, it's about motivation. You have to want to make time for education. I hope you can find the motivation you need to make time for your education.

Ways & Means committee, Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer. We will once again hold a Silent Auction at the Fall Conference. If you would like to donate an item for the Silent auction please let me know. I am working on Dining to Donate 11/11 & 11/12. Watch your e-mails for further details.

Public Relations/ IHIMA Liaison, Brandy Lewis, CTR

Public Relations Update:

Reminder: Please contact Public Relations if you know of any member who has lost a loved one from their immediate family. ICRA would like to assure them of our genuine concern and support.

We would like to emphasize that the Public Relations Committee always welcomes ideas for the newsletter and encourage articles from you, the membership. You don't need to be on the Board to submit an article. Let's hear from you!

IHIMA Update:

The Indiana Health Information Management Association will hold their annual conference at Ivy Tech Corporate College and Culinary Center in Indianapolis, IN on May 9-16, 2016. Next year's theme is "Change, Challenge, Opportunity".

Vice President/NCRA & CoC Liaison, Claudia Jenkins, CTR

NCRA Update:

Renew for 2016

If your membership has expired, you may renew your membership immediately online. Don't miss out on any of your membership benefits supporting NCRA's ability to offer comprehensive, accessible and cost-appropriate educational opportunities and a continually improving credential program. Renew your membership online to also ensure no lapse in your member benefits.

2016 Special Active CTR Member Renewal Package - With one transaction, renew your 2016 NCRA membership and get access to over 50 learning products that include CEs. A receipt will be automatically sent to your email. Visit www.ncra-usa.org/ renew to learn more.

CTRs – Does your CE Cycle end 12-31-15? CE Submission

CTRs whose CE Cycle ends December 31, 2015, may submit their Continuing Education (CE) Summary Form. To fulfill the CE requirements, CTRs are required to report a minimum of 20 CE's acquired within your CE Cycle dates.

of Required CE's = minimum of 20 CE's completed within your cycle.

2015 CE Cycle = 01/01/2014 - 12/31/2015

New CTRs: Your first CE Cycle started when you passed the exam - either March 2013 or September 2013.

You may submit your CEs online, by PDF or by Excel. Please see the NCRA website for more information.

CoC Update:

FORDS has been revised for 2015. There is a link on the CoC website for download. Below are the highlighted changes.

- Required Staging. Both clinical and pathologic AJCC T, N, M and Stage Group as well as Collaborative Staging are required for Class of Case 10-22.
- Rules for Coding Grade/Differentiation. New rules for coding Grade/Differentiation were implemented by all U.S. cancer registry standard setters beginning with cases

diagnosed in 2014, and were widely published at that time. However, no FORDS update was produced for 2014. The new rules are included in FORDS: Revised for 2015.

- Clarification for Coding Biopsies Followed by Surgery. If a needle biopsy preceded an excisional biopsy or more extensive surgery, even if no tumor remained at the time of surgery, both the needle biopsy (Surgical Diagnostic and Staging Procedure) and the Surgical Procedure of the Primary Site are to be reported.
 - Clarification for Reporting Dose for Photon Treatment. For photon treatment, dosage is reported in cGe units (Cobalt Gray Equivalent) rather than cGy. Record 100x cGe for Regional Dose: cGy (note that it is necessary to multiply cGe by 100 to code this).
 - New Sex Codes. New codes 5 (Transsexual, natal male) and 6 (Transsexual, natal female) were introduced for use in 2015, and may be used for historic cases if desired. Code 4 (formerly “Transsexual”) is now “Transsexual, NOS”.
 - New Code for RX Date-Other Flag. Code 15 was added to be used when treatment coded as Other Therapy was planned, but had not been administered yet at the time of last follow-up. Code 15 may be assigned for cases diagnosed prior to 2015, if applicable.
 - Discontinued Items. Grade Path System and Grade Path Value are required for cases diagnosed from 2010 through 2013, but are discontinued under the Grade/Differentiation coding rules. The ICD Revision Secondary Diagnosis is no longer required for any diagnosis year because the separate fields for ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM eliminate the need for the item.
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Program Committee Chair, Claudia Jenkins, CTR

The 2015 Fall Conference has come together nicely. Our theme for this year is “Continuing Our Education, So We Can Make A Difference”. We have a loaded program set up for you, April Fritz, CTR will be speaking again for us, and will have the most current information available.

I have emailed a flier out to those that I had an email address for. Also a paper copy should be arriving in the mail. For your convenience one has also been included in this article.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at an email that I have set up for the conference at cj_icra@yahoo.com (cj (underscore)icra@yahoo.com) or my work email is crcjj@uhhg.org.

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Lilly Conference Center**

1801 W. 86th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46260

Rates for those wishing to stay overnight
have been guaranteed at the hotel below.

**Reservation deadline for below quoted rates is
12:00 midnight (EST) on October 12, 2015.**

Check the ICRA website for more information.
<http://www.icra-indiana.net>

The Marten House Hotel

1801 W. 86th Street
Indianapolis, In 46260
(800) 736-5634

Specify that you are with the Indiana Cancer
Registrars Association

\$89.00 + 17% tax for a single king bed or
\$89.00 + 17% tax for two double beds

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**"Continuing Our Education,
So We Can Make A Difference"**

37th Annual ICRA

Fall Conference

November 12-13, 2015

Estimated Continuing Education Hours:

11/12/15 Credit Hours: 5.5 Estimated

11/13/15 Credit Hours: 5.5 Estimated

Total Credit Hours: 11.0 Estimated

National Cancer Registrars Association
continuing education endorsement pending.

<u>Thursday, November 12, 2015</u>		<u>Friday, November 13, 2015</u>		<u>Registration Form (Detach & return w/payment)</u>	
7:30-8:00 am	Registration/Light Breakfast	7:15-7:55 am	Registration/Light Breakfast	o	ICRA MEMBER (Both days) \$140.00
8:00-8:15 am	Welcome and Overview Nancy Whipple, CTR, ICRA President Claudia Jenkins, CTR, Program Chair	7:55-8:00 am	Welcome and Overview	o	ICRA MEMBER Thursday only \$90.00
8:15-9:15 am	New Horizons: HPV and Head and Neck Cancer Edward Krowiak MD, CENTA, Indianapolis	8:00-9:00 am	CoC Success Stories Valerie Vesich, RHIT, CTR	o	ICRA MEMBER Friday only \$90.00
9:15-10:15 am	TNM7 and Summary Staging of Ovary and Corpus Cancers April Fritz, RHIT, CTR April Fritz & Associates, LLC	9:00-10:00 am	Death Clearance- Implementing Changes to Improve Results Lisa LaGue, CTR	o	NON-MEMBER (Both days) \$180.00
10:15-10:45 am	Break / Vendor Time	10:00-10:30 am	Break/Vendor Time	o	NON-MEMBER Thursday only \$100.00
10:45-11:45 am	Is It Really an Unknown Primary? April Fritz, RHIT, CTR April Fritz & Associates, LLC	10:30-11:30 am	Molecular Cancer Studies Melham Jabbour, MD Providence Medical Center Terre Haute, IN	o	NON-MEMBER Friday only \$100.00
11:45 am-2:00 pm	Networking Luncheon/ICRA Business Meeting/Awards Ceremony	11:30 am-12:45 pm	Lunch/Installation 2016 Board	Make check payable to ICRA & mail completed registration form by October 12, 2015 to:	
2:00-3:00 pm	Cancer Genetic Counseling and Testing: An Introduction Rebekah Krukenberg, MS, CGC, LGC	12:45-1:45 pm	Working With Your Quality Improvement Team Valerie Vesich, RHIT, CTR	Claudia Jenkins, CTR 6887 North Private Road 70 West Brazil, IN 47834 Must be postmarked by October 12, 2015!	
3:00-3:15 pm	Break/Vendor Time	1:45-2:45 pm	Electro-Magnetic Navigational Bronchoscopy Tamim Antakli, MD Union Hospital, Terre Haute, IN	A \$20 late fee will be assessed for registrations postmarked after October 12, 2015. Walk-ins are not guaranteed lunch or conference packets. Lunches will include chicken. Please let the program chair know if you have special dietary needs.	
3:15-4:15 pm	Updates for 2016 April Fritz, RHIT, CTR April Fritz & Associates, LLC	2:45-3:15pm	NCRA/COC Updates Claudia Jenkins, CTR NCRA/COC Liaison	All checks returned for non-sufficient funds will be the responsibility of the incurring party.	
4:15-4:45 pm	Updates From The State Laura Ruppert, MHA Cancer Surveillance Section Director Indiana State Department of Health	3:15-3:30 pm	Closing Remarks/Adjournment	Request for refunds must be in writing with reason for request, addressed to ICRA treasurer (Sherry Dowling). All requests will be taken under advisement at the first scheduled Board of Directors meeting held after the ICRA Fall Conference (January).	
		<u>Conference Attire: Business Casual</u>		Name: _____	
				Credentials: _____	
				Facility/Company: _____	
				City: _____	
				State: _____ Zip: _____	
				E-mail: _____	
				(For Registration Confirmation)	
				Phone: (____) _____	

ISDH Liaison, Laura Ruppert, MHA

Just a reminder, the Indiana State Cancer Registry (ISCR) has purchased the 2015-2016 North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) webinar series. This series is available at no cost to individual CTRs. Please contact Marsha Lundy if you would like more information: (317)233-7158.

The ISCR is finishing up its Death Clearance process to ready data for the Call for Data in November.

Cancer Surveillance Section Director, Laura Ruppert along with Cancer Epidemiologist, Amanda Raftery presented at the Rocky Mountain Cancer Data System's (RMCDS) 2015 annual meeting held in Portland, OR, September 23-25. The presentation included some of the special projects Indiana is working on, publications and a welcome to Indianapolis as the city will host the 2016 RMCDS meeting.

Cancer Surveillance Section Director, Laura Ruppert, MHA and Cancer Epidemiologist, Amanda Raftery, MPH, RD shared their presentation via a poster display entitled, Tobacco Use and its Impact on Cancer Cluster Investigations in Indiana at the 2015 North American Association of Central Cancer Registries Annual Meeting in May of 2015, in Charlotte, NC.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention awarded Indiana the DP15-1501: Increasing the Implementation of Evidence-Based Cancer Survivorship Interventions to Increase Quality and Duration of Life among Cancer Patients grant which begins September 30, 2015. Indiana was one of six states to receive this funding. A director for the Indiana Survivorship Program has been hired and the state will work with both St. Vincent Indianapolis Hospital and Hancock Regional Hospital on this demonstration grant. Part of the demonstration will be the population of the hospital cancer registry data into a cancer survivorship program.

Cancer Surveillance Section Director, Laura Ruppert, along with Health Education and Communications Director, Dawn Swindle have submitted two abstracts for consideration for the 2016 National Cancer Registrars Association annual conference: Populating hospital cancer registry data into survivorship care plans: a test run and Using cancer registry data to enhance comprehensive cancer control communication efforts. Notification of acceptance is expected mid October, 2015.



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