

Indiana Abstract

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President Message Cassie Nobbe, CTR

ICRA is shaping up to provide a season full of educational opportunities for our membership this calendar year through both local and regional workshops. The Board of Directors has conducted our first meeting of the year and each member has updates to share with the membership throughout this newsletter.

As mentioned in the first installment of my Presidential Message, during the first meeting we review feedback from the previous year's conference and begin planning this year's conference. Thank you (again) to everyone who completed an evaluation form. The types of comments can be separated into three main categories: food, venue, and educational content. A part of ICRA's mission is to provide education and training; therefore comments regarding the educational content take the highest priority. We do recognize the value of all the comments and are looking at ways to address each category year. Based on the feedback, we recognize that times are changing. What worked in the past, may not work for the future of our organization. ICRA has existed for 38 years and we recognize that our By-laws and policies are procedures may be in need of a makeover. The current edition of our By-Laws is posted on our website. Please take the time to review it. Any member may make a suggestion to amend a by-law to the By-laws Committee Chair.

Laura Ruppert and I are co-chairing the Program Committee this year and our theme is Connect, Collaborate, Educate. The Board of Directors represents a small portion of the registrar population and we need to hear from you. What do you want to learn? Many of us are Commission on Cancer accredited and we would like to have some topics at the conference related to the COC standards. We are seeking speakers from within our Indiana facilities. Is there a standard that your facility excels at? Do you have excellent cancer committee meetings or cancer conferences? Do you have an outstanding Survivorship or Palliative Care program? Would you, your administration, or member of your cancer committee be willing to provide a presentation at our conference? If so, please let us know. We have many Outstanding Achievement Award Winners among us, please share your knowledge.

This year's conference will once again be held at the Marten House and Lily Conference center in Indianapolis on November 3-4. We did receive mixed reviews of the location/venue and we will provide the Marten House staff with both the positive and negative feedback received from the membership in hopes improvements for the fall. Membership has expressed an interest in changing the location with regards to the venues in Indianapolis and to the city in which the conference located. Why always Indianapolis? The current procedure for selecting a conference city occurs during the nomination process. The Membership nominates and votes. The venue selection is the responsibility of the President-Elect per our current policy and procedures.

With the review of our policies, procedures, and by-laws this year, the Board Directors hopes to amend/update these governing documents and encourage more participation from the Membership within the association.



President Elect/Audit Committee Chair, Claudia Jenkins, CTR

As your President Elect, I have secured a venue for the **2017** Indiana Cancer Registrars Annual Conference. After exploring the different venue options, keeping cost and other issues in mind in the Indianapolis area, the **2017** Conference will be held at the Palms Conference Center (formerly Primos), in Plainfield Indiana. We have also made arrangements with a Hotel in close proximity to the conference center for convenience. There is also an abundance of other hotels in the area, as well as restaurants. As we near the conference, we will share that information, just in case you would need it.

If you are interested in being an ICRA Committee member or Liaison for the 2017 Board of Directors, please mark your interest on the ICRA Membership application or send an e-mail to icra_indiana@yahoo.com or to myself at crcjj@uhhg.org. The President Elect is responsible for filling the non-elected positions on the Board during the term as President-Elect.

An audit of the Treasurer books was performed on January 25, 2016, they were balanced.

Public Relation Committee Chair, Brandy Lewi, CTR

National Cancer Registrars Week
April 11-15, 2016

**CANCER REGISTRARS:
THE HEART OF
IMPROVING CANCER CARE**



2016 National Cancer Registrars Week
Cancer Registrars: The Heart of Improving Cancer Care
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Cancer registrars throughout the world will join their colleagues, fellow medical professionals, and community leaders to observe the 20th annual National Cancer Registrars Week (NCRW), April 11-15, 2016. The purpose of NCRW is to emphasize the important role cancer registrars play in capturing the data that informs cancer research, prevention, and treatment programs.

Treasurer, Sherry Dowling, CTR

Indiana Cancer Registrars Association				
Quarter 3: Fiscal Year 2015-2016				
Beginning Balance				\$ 19,391.38
	October	November	December	
Income:				
Membership	\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00		\$ 100.00
Conference	\$ 5,135.00			\$ 5,135.00
Public Relations		\$ 900.00		\$ 900.00
Ways & Means		\$ 470.73		\$ 470.73
Total Income:	\$ 5,210.00	\$ 1,395.73	\$ -	\$ 6,605.73
Expense:				
ISCR Workshop doorprise	\$ 50.00			\$ 50.00
ISCR Workshop Snacks		\$ 46.35		\$ 46.35
Conference - Marten House		\$ 8,691.35		\$ 8,691.35
Conference Plaques		\$ 210.10		\$ 210.10
Conference Supplies		\$ 74.55		\$ 74.55
Conference Speakers		\$ 600.00		\$ 600.00
Historian - gift		\$ 25.00		\$ 25.00
Website Maintance		\$ 184.92		\$ 184.92
#1174 Rewrite for #1139	\$ -			
Total Expense:	\$ 50.00	\$ 9,832.27		\$ 9,882.27
Ending Balance				\$ 16,114.84
Balance Savings Account				\$ 10,145.74
CD				\$ 10,110.61
Total Assets for ICRA as of 12/31/15				\$ 36,371.19
Checks outstanding #1174 (\$200.00)				
Respectfully submitted by:				
Sherry Dowling, CTR				
ICRA Treasurer				

Education Committee Chair, Lisa LaGue, CTR

2016 Regional Workshops

ICRA is partnering with other state organizations to conduct workshops that will fulfill CoC Standard 1.11 as “Regional” educational activities. Two are being planned this year. Please consider attending both.

Indiana-Ohio, confirmed for May 25 in Fort Wayne, IN. Will be a one-day workshop focused on lung cancer. Agenda and registration form will be sent by e-mail when finalized.

Indiana-Kentucky, confirmed for September 8-9 in Louisville, KY. Agenda and registration form will be sent by e-mail when finalized.

2016 Indiana State Cancer Registry Educational Workshops

Since 2016 is the first year ISCR will require AJCC’s TNM stage to be directly-coded by all reporting facilities, upcoming workshops will be focused on TNM staging and will include the presentations already prepared by AJCC. Dates and agendas will be announced soon.

CTR Exam Prep

I am looking into alternatives to a one-day CTR prep workshop to better prepare individuals interested in taking the CTR certification examination. Look for more information in a separate e-mail.

Reportability Changes for 2016

1. Non-invasive mucinous cystic neoplasm of the pancreas with high-grade dysplasia replaces mucinous cystadenocarcinoma, non-invasive (8470/2) and is REPORTABLE.
2. Solid pseudopapillary neoplasm of pancreas (8452/3) is synonymous with solid pseudopapillary carcinoma (C25._) and is REPORTABLE.
3. Based on expert pathologist consultation, metastases have been reported in some CPEN cases. With all other pancreatic endocrine tumors now considered malignant, CPEN will also be considered malignant, until proven otherwise. Most CPEN cases are non-functioning and are REPORTABLE using histology code 8150/3, unless the tumor is specified as a neuroendocrine tumor, grade 1 (assign code 8240/3) or neuroendocrine tumor, grade 2 (assign code 8249/3)
4. Laryngeal intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III (LINIII) (8077/2), C320-C329) is REPORTABLE.
5. Squamous intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III (SINIII) (8077/2), except Cervix and Skin, is REPORTABLE.
6. Mature teratoma of the testes in adults is malignant and REPORTABLE as 9080/3, but continues to be non-reportable in prepubescent children (9080/0). The following provides additional guidance:
 - Adult is defined as post puberty
 - Pubescence can take place over a number of years
 - Do not rely solely on age to indicate pre or post puberty status. Review all information (physical history, etc.) for documentation of pubertal status. When testicular teratomas occur in adult males, pubescent status is likely to be stated in the medical record because it is an important factor of the diagnosis.
 - Do not report if unknown whether patient is pre or post pubescence. When testicular teratoma occurs in a male and there is no mention of pubescence, it is likely that the patient is a child, or pre-pubescent, and the tumor is benign.

Reminders for Summary Stage 2000

Directly-coded SS2000 became a reporting requirement for all newly diagnosed cases as of 1/1/2015; however, it can be directly-coded for cases diagnosed prior to this date. At this point in time, SS2000 is recommended to be directly-coded for all cases being abstracted regardless of diagnosis date.

Although not listed in the SS2000 manual nor the ISCR Policy and Procedure Manual for Reporting Facilities, code 8 is valid and the correct code to use for benign and borderline brain/CNS tumors. Code 8 is listed in FORDS Revised for 2016 and has been in all SEER Program Coding and Staging Manuals since 2004, which is when benign CNS tumors became reportable.

Directly-coded

What does “directly-coded” mean in regards to SS2000 and AJCC TNM Stage? It simply means the stage is determined from referencing the appropriate staging manual and then recording the stage in the cancer registry abstract as opposed to entering CS data fields and then copying the CS-derived stages into the SS and TNM fields. The practice of copying the CS-derived stages is strictly prohibited for cases diagnosed 1/1/2016 and forward. Continuing to do so will result in deficiencies for Commission on Cancer approved programs reporting to NCDB.

Most, if not all, cancer registry databases are set up to collect CS data fields for all cases diagnosed on and after 1/1/2004 and therefore, will continue to allow the CS data fields to be entered after 12/31/2015 until software updates are installed to incorporate all the changes for 2016. Please be aware of this if you enter cases diagnosed in 2016 before updating your database. If you have already done so, you should review each one and delete CS data fields if necessary. After updating your database, you will need to manually review any 2016 diagnosed case and enter the correct TNM codes and enter data in the new data fields. For complete details, see the NAACCR 2016 Implementation Guidelines and Recommendations, <http://www.naaccr.org/StandardsandRegistryOperations/ImplementationGuidelines.aspx>.

Educational Resources

NCRA's Center for Cancer Registrar Education, <http://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/>

Be sure to check out the “Staging Shorts”, which are 10 minute or less narrated PowerPoints addressing important cancer registry issues like ambiguous terminology, casefinding and quality control plans. Also check out the Registry Resources section for NCRA's site-specific “Informational Abstracts” which provide an outline to follow for including text in registry abstracts.

AJCC, <http://cancerstaging.org>

If you haven't already completed the Curriculum for Registrars, please make time to do so before you begin abstracting 2016 cases.

Clarifications for melanoma staging rules were released at the end of 2015. Details can be found on AJCC's website, specifically at

<https://cancerstaging.org/SiteAssets/Pages/default/AJCC%20Melanoma%20Staging.pdf>.

Details regarding the new T, N, and M categories effective with cases diagnosed 1/1/2016 can be found at <https://cancerstaging.org/About/news/Pages/New-AJCC-T,-N,-and-M-Categories-to-be-Implemented-in-2016.aspx>.

SEER, <http://seer.cancer.gov/training/>

One site for multiple valuable registry resources, including the Hematopoietic Database, MPH rules, grade coding instructions, casefinding lists and ICD-O-3 coding materials. But another very valuable tool can be found here, SEER*Educate, an extensive online training program for registrars of all experience levels.

Questions?

If you have any questions about any of this information, please send me an e-mail, lisa.lague@comcast.net

Past President/Nominating Committee/Historian, Nancy Whipple, CTR

Hello, everyone, we have had a very mild winter and I'm sure we are all looking forward to spring! I am for sure.

Please join ICRA as a membership, so you can run for an office on the Board. I am looking forward to sending out nomination for each positions. It is a pleasure to serve on the ICRA Board. They are a GREAT bunch of ladies to work with.

Thanks, everyone, and have a great day.

Ways & Means Committee Chair, Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR

Thank you for your support of the Silent Auction and Dining to Donate at the Fall Conference. The winner of the Fall Conference registration is Leann Capps. The winner of the early bird registration to NCRA is Debbie Oliver. Congratulations to both lucky ladies. Both drawing were open to ICRA members regardless if the member attended the Fall Conference. Please watch your e-mails early next Fall for your application for the drawings.

Membership Committee Chairman, Martha A. Hill, AAS, CTR

Membership Drive is Underway!

Happy winter, the holiday season has come and gone and now spring is slowing coming. Our program committee is busy preparing for our Annual Fall Conference. Many ideas flowed at our recent Board of Director meeting so I'm sure that it will again be a very information packed meeting.

Our 2016 ICRA Membership drive is currently underway. Each member by now should have received an e-mail with the membership application attachment. Please feel free to duplicate for other members of our team or new members that have recently joined your staff. Our goal for 2016 is to have 100 members.

Being a member of ICRA provides many perks, such as our newsletter, "The Indiana Abstract", education, access to our website and discount to the ICRA Fall Conference. More importantly, being a member of ICRA, gives each of us an abundance of resources by virtue of networking with other ICRA members. We have all made and continue to make so many friends and learned by the knowledge of networking with ICRA members. Membership fees are minimal at \$25.00 per year.

Attached you will find a Membership Application. Please feel free to duplicate for your fellow co-workers who are not currently members. Let's all work together to grow our organization.

**Indiana Cancer Registrars Association
Membership Application
2016 – 2017**

Name _____

Employer _____

Please print or type information you would prefer to have on the ICRA Website Membership Directory:

Check one: Employer Address ☐ Home Address ☐

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Please print or type information you would prefer ICRA to use for Correspondence.

Check one: Employer Address ☐ Home Address ☐

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-Mail Address _____

Educational background: ____ RHIT ____ CTR ____ LPN ____ RN ____ RHIA

Other (specify) _____

Number of years in Registry field _____ Current position _____

Are you a ____ Current ____ New member of ICRA? Referred by: _____

____ Active (\$25) ____ Associate (\$20) ____ Student (\$10)

Would you be interested in serving on a Committee? ____ Yes ____ No

Please make your check payable to Indiana Cancer Registrars Association or ICRA and mail to:

Martha A. Hill, CTR
ICRA Membership Chairperson
5096 South County Road 740 West
Medora, IN 47260

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

____ PLEASE CHECK HERE IF YOU WOULD ALLOW YOUR NAME AND WORK ADDRESS TO BE PROVIDED UPON VENDOR REQUEST



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