

Indiana Abstract

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President Message Sherry Dowling, CTR

This has been a very busy year in the Cancer Registry; we have converted to the v02.04 Collaborative Staging Manual, and manually reviewed site specific conversion issues. We have incorporated the 2012 FORDS manual, learned to use the web-based Hematopoietic & Lymphoid Database and Coding manual. We have abstracted, reviewed, edited and submitted our data to the state and national databases. We have reviewed, edited and reported the CP3R quality measures. We have implemented the CoC Cancer Program Standard changes and are planning for the additional changes coming in 2015. We have uploaded all 2011 accreditation documentation. We have learned the new SAR system and uploaded the newly required accreditation eligibility measurers. Some facilities, like mine, are preparing for a CoC survey in the spring. Let's not forget about patient follow-up and preparing for the Cancer Conferences and the Cancer Committee meetings. Oh, and the reports...yes...that's why we collect the data in the first place to ensure that our patients are getting excellent quality of care.

As I sit here thinking about the many accomplishments this year, I am amazed at how far our profession has come. We have made great strides to provide consistent quality data and that effort is being recognized. All cases entered into a cancer registry must be abstracted or supervised by a Certified Cancer Registrar. It is truly "Our Time to Shine".

To address an increasing number of concerns involving the need for mentoring from both students needing to complete their 160 hours of practical experience prior to taking the CTR exam and from others interested in becoming cancer registrars, the National Cancer Registrars' Association, NCRA, board of directors appointed a Mentoring Task Force. Upon recommendation of the Task Force a Mentoring Committee was created. One of the initial goals identified by the Committee was to reach out to the State Associations to ensure a coordinated effort to provide mentoring to registrars across the nation. Although Indiana has several facilities that offer a mentoring program for students, there is not a formal mechanism in place. I have challenged our education committee to revise their Policy and Procedures and to become the information contact for students in Indiana. You will be hearing more about this in the near future.

Overseeing all the state association activities along with all the other duties of the Cancer Registry has been challenging this year, but the board has worked together to complete the assigned tasks and this has made my experience truly rewarding.

ICRA needs new volunteers with fresh ideals to remain a vibrant organization. Please contact me or Joann Schultz to learn more about getting involved. You can read the policy and procedures for any association position on our website; see what each position entails before you make a commitment. Remember, as a committee chair you may appoint committee members to help you complete your responsibilities and other board members are always willing to assist. Serving on a committee is a wonderful opportunity for professional growth and networking.

Past President/Nominations Chair Report, Jan Duncan, RHIT, CTR

The call for nominations was mailed along with Distinguished Member nominations earlier this year. There were 90 requests mailed, with 12 returned. Those 12 nominations included the names of 25 ICRA members; however, only four were willing to run for an office next year. Ballots were mailed on August 31. If anyone is willing to be on the Board but did not receive a nomination this year please let us 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, September), with a brief transition meeting at the end of Day 1 of the Fall Conference. Tasks are divided among many committee chairs that are always willing to assist the elected officers as needed.

Please consider running for an office in 2013; it would be wonderful to have more than one name for each position as we do this year.

**President-Elect****Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR**

I hope everyone enjoyed the summer. The National Cancer Registrars Annual meeting this year was jam packed with information, New Site Specific Factors for Collaborative Stage, and CAP Protocols and the Pathologist responsibility just to name a few. Our member, Marla Cole, was recognized as a new CTR. We have some lucky ICRA members. Our own Judi Reininga won the Indiana basket, Jean Edwards won the Illinois basket (I really wanted that basket), and Camille Foley won both the Maryland and Virginia state baskets. Congratulations Ladies.

Vice President/NCRA/CoC Liaison, Nancy Whipple, CTR

Hello to all of you. I am pleased to serve as vice president for ICRA for the 2011-2012 term. My goals are to keep our membership informed on NCRA and COC updates, to assist Sherry to the best of my ability, and to serve on the ICRA board.

NCRA updates:

- 1) CTR's –Does your CE cycle end 12/31/12? If so, it's time to submit your CE hours.
- 2) The NCRA's 39th Annual Conference is May 30-June 2, 2013 in San Francisco, CA.

CoC Updates:

- 1) CoC Flash-8/31/12:
 - A) Capturing the Eligibility Requirements (ER) each year allows the accreditation staff to validate that important program components are in place & fully functioning...Read More at www.facs.org
 - B) CAnswer Forum-E7-Radiation Oncology Services-a review of questions submitted to the New 2012 Cancer Program Standard Forum, showed Eligibility Requirement (ER) E7: Radiation Oncology Services receiving the most...Read More at www.facs.org
 - C) Cancer Program Standards 2012-Best Practices Repository-What's New in August? This month we will introduce two of the newest best practices submitted to the CoC Best Practices Repository. The Standards Advisory Group for Excellence (SAGE)...Read More at www.facs.org
 - D) Update-Implementation of Commission of Cancer Standards 4.4 & 4.5-The Cancer Program Practice Profile Report (CP3R) was updated August 15, 2012, with diagnoses and performance rates for each measure for 2010. Read More at www.facs.org
 - E) News for Cancer Liaison Physicians-CLP Standard 4.3 Changes & Clarifications-due to a problem with availability of the NCDB reporting tools earlier in 2012, the CLP reports to the cancer committee are required three times in 2012 and four times in 2013 and beyond. Read More at www.facs.org

Program Chairman Updates:

At this year's fall conference, our key speaker is **APRIL FRITZ**. The agenda item "Ask April" will be answers to questions submitted in advance. If you have any questions you would like to "Ask April" please submit the questions to Nancy Whipple, 6465 South Co. Rd. 850 West, Greensburg, IN 47240 or you may email me @ nwhipple@ecomunity.com. The deadline for "Ask April" questions is Friday, October 1, 2012.

Secretary/Website Committee, Cassandra (Cassie) Nobbe, CTR

As Secretary, I am charged with keeping a record of all of the meeting minutes and pertinent correspondence of ICRA. When I was nominated for the position and voted into office, I failed to realize that I would be inheriting the entire written history of ICRA. ICRA has been an organization for 34 years, which means I am currently in possession of 34 years of paperwork. As I mentioned in the previous abstracts, I have been working on scanning the secretary's manual into electronic copies (portable document files) that are currently stored in multiple places including ICRA's e-mail account (icra_indiana@yahoo.com). During this process, I as a newer member of the organization learned a good deal of information about the formative years of ICRA. Here are a few fun facts:

- ICRA was originally named the Southern Indiana Tumor Registrars Association.
- As of March 1, 1986, the Indiana Cancer Registrars Association was officially formed.
- The Board of Directors consisted of a President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary
- The original committees consisted of Membership, Program, Education, and Public Relations.
- Membership dues were \$15.

Website

The official website for ICRA is located at www.icra-indiana.net. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the Board of Directors through the website site contact form or our e-mail address: icra_indiana@yahoo.com. If you don't receive e-mails from ICRA please check to make sure your e-mail provider is not sending ICRA's e-mails to spam.

Public Relations, Brandy Lewis, CTR

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 of Directors to submit an article. Let's hear from you!

			2012 Quarterly Report	
<u>ICRA Treasurer 2012 by Quarters</u>				
Beginning Balance	\$14,954.93	\$15,070.04	\$15,143.10	
Income:	January-March	April-June	July-September	October-December
Interest-checking	\$1.03			
Interest-savings	\$1.79	\$2.51		
Interest-Maturity of Certificate of Deposit				
Membership Dues	\$1,255.00	\$745.00	\$160.00	
Sponsorships -vendors	\$1,200.00		\$1,250.00	
2011 NCRA basket program proceeds		71.60		
2011 ICRA Fall Conference Registration				
Ways & Means- Booth & Silent Auction				
Membership-Cookbook Sales		51.73		
CTR Prep workshop registration			\$350.00	
Scholarship Fund	\$10.00			
Total Income	\$2,466.38	\$870.84	\$1,760.00	
Balance Income Quarterly:	\$17,421.31	\$15,940.88	\$16,903.01	as of 9/24/12
	17420.96	15938.37		
<u>Expenses:</u>				
New Checks	\$36.90			
Audit Meeting(mileage)				
Board Expenses (mileages/lunch)	\$620.00	\$637.19		
Treasurer/Office products(binder, tabs)	\$12.23			
Public Relations-pastel paper				
Secretary-digital recorder				
Tote for NCRA basket	\$31.49			
Stationary, Bennett Printing		\$46.86	\$120.00	
CTR pins		\$50.00		

CNA Surety Bond			\$278.00	
NCRA Registration for 2 attendees	\$990.00			
IHIMA Liaison reimbursement	\$11.49			
President-Elect Mileage/Lunch 2012 Fall Conference				
Website Makeover/Monthly Update Fee	\$180.00	\$60.00		
Yahoo Web Hosting				
Scanner w/warranty				
Program- Supplies for Fall Conference				
Historian-Prizes				
Fall Conference Reimbursement for 2010	\$135.00			
Fall Conference Reimbursement for 2011	\$236.25			
ACOS/Hotel reimbursement	\$96.60			
Postage/cookbooks		3.73		
CTR Prep Workshop reimburse/Jan Stengel			\$240.77	
Total Expenses by Quarter:	\$2,349.96	\$797.78	\$638.77	
Balance of ICRA Checking Account	\$15,070.04	\$15,143.10	\$16,364.24	as of 9/24/12
Kolleen Spencer, CTR /ICRA Treasure 2012				
CD	\$10 ,000.00			
Savings Account	10,069.59	\$10,072.10	10,072.95	

Education Committee Chair, Janet Stengel, RHIA, CTR

The Education Committee has had a busy year planning workshops to reinforce the changes in Collaborative Stage as well as offering a CTR Prep workshop to help those planning to sit for the CTR exam. The Indiana Cancer Registrars Association (ICRA) has a new Website with an "Education" link. This will house a calendar of events for upcoming workshops. "Coding Tips" will be added to the "members only" section as they become known through my work as the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) trainer for the State Department of Health. This is something I have done each year at the Fall Conference. Having this available in a more timely fashion may be a benefit to members.

Collaborative Stage v 02.04 is on the Collaborative Stage (CS) Website. This should be used for cases diagnosed January 1, 2012 and forward. Please be aware of the version of CS that you are to be using based on the software conversion that has most recently been installed at your facility. By now you should all be abstracting 2012 cases so the CS version should be CS v02.04. The State Cancer Registry is now able to accept 2012 cases as well.

A CS workshop was held March 26th. Much like those in the past, the workshop was interactive with examples of cases to be completed as a group. In addition we went over Collaborative Stage changes to specific sites.

A CTR prep workshop was held July 23, 2012. The 2012 exam dates and application deadlines were as follows: September 8-22, 2012, Application due by July 31, 2012

If one is planning to sit for the exam in March 2013 be sure that you check the CTR exam Website for the study materials. The test in September required knowledge of an older version of CS and the 2009 CoC program standards.

The Indiana State Cancer Registry purchased the 2012-2013 NACCR Webinar series. I highly encourage all of you to participate, as you are able. Each Webinar covers the anatomy of the site being presented, FORDS treatment codes as well as Collaborative Stage. They air 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and offer 3 CE's for each Webinar. The following are the topics for the 2012-2013 Webinar series.

Thurs., Oct. 4, 2012	Collecting Cancer Data: Stomach and Esophagus
Thurs., Nov. 1, 2012	Collecting Cancer Data: Uterus
Thurs., Dec. 6, 2012	Collecting Cancer Data: Pharynx
Thurs., Jan. 10, 2013	Collecting Cancer Data: Bone and Soft Tissue
Thurs., Feb. 7, 2013	Collecting Cancer Data: Central Nervous System
Thurs., Mar. 7, 2013	Abstracting and Coding Boot Camp: Cancer Case Scenarios
Thurs., April 4, 2013	Collecting Cancer Data: Breast
Thurs., May 2, 2013	Collecting Cancer Data: Bladder and Renal Pelvis
Thurs., June 6, 2013	Collecting Cancer Data: Kidney
Thurs., July 11, 2013	Topics in Geographic Information Systems
Thurs., Aug. 1, 2013	Cancer Registry Quality Control
Thurs., Sept. 5, 2013	Coding Pitfalls

Members who maintain RHIT or RHIA credentials must obtain 6 CE's in ICD-10-CM by December 2013. Please keep that in mind when accruing CE's.

Cookbook Report, Judi Reininga, CTR

EIGHT!!! That's **8**! When did 8 become the magic number?.....when the inventory of ICRA cookbooks showed only 8 books left. This project has raised around \$1100.00 for ICRA. The profit has been used to provide scholarships to the NCRA annual conference for ICRA members. Once these 8 books are sold, there will be no more. So the first 8 people to reserve a cookbook will be the lucky ones to purchase a cookbook at the ICRA Fall Conference. You may contact me at 812-867-6029 or at judi_reininga@insightbb.com. I'm looking forward to reporting at the Annual Business meeting that all books have sold. See you in November!

Membership Committee, Judi Reininga, CTR

My goal for ICRA is to have 100 members. Unfortunately we are only at 95 members at this time. Support of your state association is vital to keep the association going. Support can be in many forms. You can first become a member for \$25.00 dues. These dues are the only income that ICRA receives to keep the association functioning. Your dues pay for keeping the ICRA website up and current. They pay for postage and printing of mailings. The CTR prep workshop uses some ICRA funds to provide this educational offering. There are some uses that I have probably left out but as you can see without your support by paying dues ICRA could not provide you with the benefits that members enjoy. As a paid member you also enjoy a registration discount at the Fall Conference. Even if you don't attend the Fall Conference, ICRA still needs your membership to provide other benefits. After paying dues, you can also provide support of your state association by volunteering to be a chairperson, an officer or providing an item for the annual silent auction. Some of you depend on the Fall Conference for Continuing Education Credits to maintain your Certification. Without ICRA you would have to look elsewhere for those credits. For those of you that have paid your dues, ICRA is most appreciative. Please encourage others to join our association.

According to ICRA Bylaws, membership dues cannot be accepted after September 1, 2012. Dues received during the sixty day period prior to the Fall Conference will not be processed until after November 2, 2012.

Ways & Means, Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR, Chairperson**Committee Members: Paul Rice, RHIT, CTR and Judi Reininga, CTR**

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Fall Conference. Once again we will organize the ever popular Silent Auction. Please let me know if you will be donating an item to the Silent Auction. All proceeds from the Silent Auction will help the scholarship fund sponsor an Early Bird Member Registration to the National Cancer Registrars Annual meeting May 30 - June 2, 2013 in San Francisco, CA.

American Cancer Society Liaison Report,

Michele Hoskins, BA, CTR

The American Cancer Society has been intimately involved with the grassroots effort in the “Smoke free Indiana” campaign. Indiana has the nation’s second highest smoking rate and each year, more than 1,200 Indiana adult non-smokers die from exposure to second-hand smoke. The “Smoke Free Air Law” went into effect in Indiana July 1, 2012, joining 49 other states.

The Indiana State Department of Health has developed free “Breathe Easy Indiana” toolkits that include an employee training guide, business checklist, smoke-free window clings, coasters, posters, and table tents, as well as a quick reference providing information about the law.

The American Cancer Society is currently enrolling participants in their third nationwide cancer study. The first study took place in the 1950’s and looked at the connection between lung cancer and smoking. The second study examined cancer patterns and took place in the 1980’s. The current study will look at genetic and environmental factors surrounding cancer diagnosis.

The study is open to people ages 30-65 with no prior personal history of cancer other than localized basal or squamous cell cancer of the skin. The study will involve a blood draw and waist measurement. Study participants will be followed for 20 years and will be asked to complete a detailed questionnaire every 2 years regarding their current health status.

For more information, contact your local American Cancer Society representative

Historian, Nancy Hunt, CTR

As the historian for 2012 I thought we should all know a few facts about ICRA and why we are who we are. I have always been proud and honored to be a Cancer Registrar. As a Registrar you are (or should be) constantly learning and sharing with others. This is where ICRA comes in to help. “The Indiana Cancer Registrars Association (ICRA) was founded in 1978 in southern Indiana. It is a non-profit professional association that strives to provide education and training to cancer registry professionals; promote collection of complete, quality cancer data; disseminate information; encourage communication among members; and promote professionalism in the field of cancer registry”. So what does that quote mean? Let’s examine it a little closer. ICRA provides education to registrars. There are many webinars, seminars and conferences to attend to keep our knowledge fresh. ICRA makes sure we are aware of these opportunities and also provides them. ICRA also collaborates with several affiliations to ensure our quality of data and its usefulness. We should all feel very important and necessary to the cause of winning the war on cancer. Thank you ICRA for serving us so that we can serve others.

IHIMA LIAISON, LOLITA (LEE) THOMPSON, CTR

Hello Registrars! Did you know that so far this year 2012 is the hottest year on record for the United States? I hope everyone managed to keep cool during this extreme weather.

The Indiana Health Information Management Association (IHIMA) had almost 500 attendees at their Spring Meeting. They have outgrown their space at the Primo's Conference Center in Plainfield, IN. Therefore, starting in April 2013, their annual Spring Meeting will be held at the Indianapolis Downtown Marriott.

Their Fall Conference will be co-hosted with the Indiana Chapter of Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society (HIMSS) on November 6th & 7th 2012 at the Indianapolis Marriott North. This year's theme is "Keeping up with Changing Times in Healthcare". Some of the topics will be Security/Privacy and ICD-10.

The website of the Central Indiana Health Information Management Association (CIHIMA) a division of IHIMA is inactive at this time. The President of CIHIMA is now the current President of IHIMA. As soon as one of their members comes forth to take on the Presidential duties for that division, the website will become active again.

I would like to thank our President Sherry Dowling for asking me to be the IHIMA Liaison for ICRA. I have enjoyed working with her and the rest of the Board Members leading our organization to a higher plateau.

To all ICRA members those established and those who are new to the organization, I encourage you to come aboard, be an ICRA Board member, share your Ideas and Thoughts with the membership. This is your organization too!

Awards Committee

Chairman: Sherry Dowling, CTR

Committee Members: Martha Hill, CTR and Danilee Thompson, CTR

We would like to thank everyone that took time from their busy schedules to recognize the dedication of a colleague by nominating them to receive the 2012 ICRA Distinguished member award. The nominees and distinguished member will be announced at the Fall Conference.

ICRA Scholarship Winner

Judi Reininga, CTR

Thank you ICRA for the scholarship to NCRA. I as well as my facility certainly appreciated the paid registration that ICRA provided. I would hope that everyone would get the chance to go to a National Conference. We tend to see our world from our facility and state association. To see 1200-1300 other registrars in one place is awesome. I thought the Conference offered very informative and useful information. Our own Marla Cole from Goshen was recognized as a new CTR. It is always good to see new people entering the profession.

Carol Hahn Johnson introduced the new Hematopoietic Manual. She gave the how's and when's to using this new tool. A session on the Rapid Quality Reporting System Program gave insight into how some facilities are using this program to give more up to date information to their facilities. The results of the Collaborative Stage Version 2 Study results were presented and brought about some interesting discussion among the audience. I always like the site specific presentations. They give some useful insight from the physician's view. Those sessions covered bladder, parotid gland, and thoracic cancers. I always look forward to presentations by April Fritz. Her knowledge of registry subjects is endless. Last but not least I think the networking among other attendees is as valuable as the conference itself. Again thank you for the opportunity to represent ICRA.



Judi won the Indiana basket at National Conf.

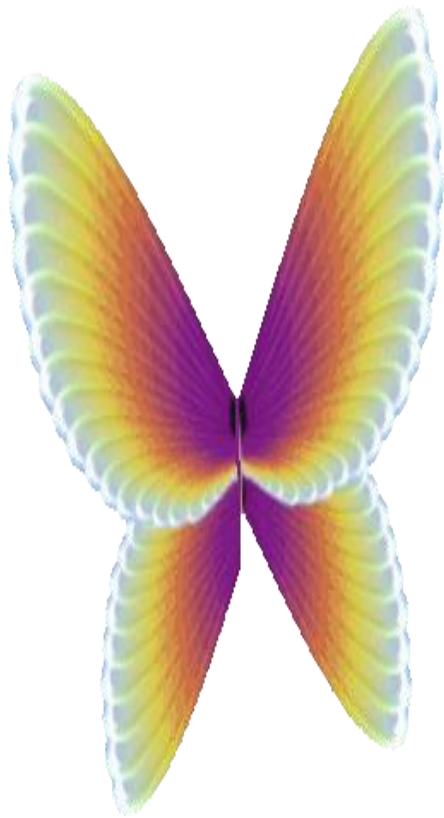


Joann Schultz & Jean Edwards at National Conf.



Indiana Basket at National Conference

Motto for Life



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