

Indiana Abstract

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President Message Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR

Hello, Everyone,

I hope everyone is having a great summer. The Executive Board is very busy with the everyday business of ICRA. Sherry Dowling, CTR will mail the nominations early July. Please nominate someone who you think would be a good officer or nominate yourself if you would like to serve on the Board. Distinguished Member nominations will also be mailed early July. Please take a minute to nominate a special Cancer Registrar who goes above & beyond their normal duties. Jan Duncan, RHIT, CTR is busy with the final touches for the Fall Conference. Jan (with the help of Kolleen Spencer & Nancy Whipple) has secured 3 physicians to speak this year. Back by popular demand April Fritz, CTR will once again join us as well as Jan Stengel, RHIA, CTR. I am looking forward to a fun filled educational conference as we celebrate our 35th year as an organization. It is with deep regret I have accepted the resignation of Marla Cole, CTR as ICRA Secretary. Cassie Nobbe, CTR has graciously agreed to fill Marla's remaining term. If you have not renewed your ICRA membership please do so today. Your membership dues help our organization remain financially strong. Jan Stengel, RHIA, CTR organized two wonderful educational workshops last spring. Jan is planning another workshop late summer. I hope to see you there if not I'll see you in November.

President Elect/Auditing Committee/Program Committee Chair, Jan Duncan, RHIT, CTR

Auditing Committee Updates:

Since I was just recently surveyed I have not yet completed the audit of the Treasurer's books, but hope to complete it soon. I'm sure we are in good order though, as we are fortunate to have wonderful treasurers for the past several years.

Contract for the 2014 conference, to be held November 6 and 7 has been signed with Marten House / Lilly Conference Center. Please let me know if there are any "hot topics" you would like us to address.

Thanks and have a great summer!

Program Committee Updates:

Please mark your calendars now to join us November 7 and 8, 2013, at Caribbean Cove.

April Fritz, RHIT, CTR, is available on November 7, so we look forward to her expertise once again. We've tentatively decided on head and neck cancer as well as pancreas/biliary cancer, and time permitting, we will also have another "Ask April" session. We are working with Dr. Krowiak (on staff at St Vincent's and also Community North) for a presentation on head and neck cancer to compliment April's session on this, and we have also secured Robert Goulet, MD and Richard Freeman, MD for talks on breast and lung cancer respectively. Other areas under consideration are an ACS update from our state representative and breast cancer genetics. Jan Stengel will also be presenting our local "coding challenges" and we are still researching a speaker from ACOS. Please send me an email (jduncan@comhs.org) or give me a call at 219-836-4541 with any topics you would like us to cover, and we will do our best to secure a speaker.

Hope to see you all in November!



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Past President/Nomination Committee Chair, Sherry Dowling, CTR

First, I would like to explain a little about how being on the board of directors works. As you know each position has a job to do (see descriptions on our website). But did you know that at the first meeting each position submits their goals for the year and the proposed budget needed to accomplish those goals? This allows the board to view, evaluate and monitor expenses though the year in an effort to keep costs down. Each position has a job to do to help achieve the purpose of ICRA – education.

The office of president is a three year commitment to ICRA; my final duty is to chair the nominations committee. We will be mailing out requests for the nomination of ICRA officers very soon. Yes, serving as an officer requires some time and some effort. We also recommend that you attend the fall conference and three additional board meetings. If you drive in excess of forty miles to attend the additional meetings you may request mileage reimbursement.

Joann, our president, is doing a wonderful job; ICRA is on track. Let's work together to keep our organization strong, so we can continue to provide educational programs and the other benefits of our association. If I contact you, it's because an ICRA member is confident in your ability to lead ICRA into the future. I remember the first time I was nominated to serve, I was thrilled, honored and scared all at the same time. Please take time to nominate a fellow member and honor them with this wonderful opportunity.

Thank you in advance for your support of our association!

Education Committee Chair, Janet Stengel, RHIA, CTR

The Education Committee has completed its second workshop for 2013. On May 6, a workshop highlighting the Hematopoietic Database and Coding Rules and the 2007 Multiple Primary/Histology Coding rules was held at the Indiana State Department of Health. Several cases were completed using both coding manuals as well as a breast case that required the use of Collaborative Stage. To accommodate those who are unable to attend workshops, the Indiana State Cancer Registry is looking into the possibility of taping and having the workshops available for viewing both real time and as a link on the State Department of Health Website. We tested this in May and are still working out the details of how to make this most effective. More details will follow.

Please set aside August 12, 2013 for our next coding workshop. The Hematopoietic Database will be reviewed again as well as other coding exercises. If others have suggestions for topics, please forward them to me.

There was a major announcement made at NCRA regarding timeliness. Standard 5.2 will be changed from a standard on abstracting timeliness to a new standard focused on Rapid Quality Reporting System participation. This will go into effect July 1, 2013. All cases must still be submitted to the NCDB in January. To receive commendation, one must participate in RQRS by January 1, 2014.

Surveyor review of cases selected for the CP3R measures will be eliminated for the on-site visit effective immediately. This review may be reinstated by the Accreditation Committee when needed to validate new performance measures.

FORDS has had several changes that are highlighted in Appendix C of the manual. These include a new data item to capture address at diagnosis and birthplace, secondary diagnosis fields to account for the implementation of ICD-10 in 2014, and new override fields for Collaborative Stage. Perhaps the biggest change is that the fields for Ambiguous Terminology at Diagnosis, Date of Conclusive Terminology, Date of Multiple Tumors, Type of Multiple Tumors Reported as One Primary and the Multiplicity Counter have been discontinued for cases diagnosed January 1, 2013 and forward. These are the "New Data Items" in the 2007 MP/H rules. They are still to be collected for cases diagnosed between 2007 and 2012. The morphology grade field is no longer required to be coded for CoC accredited facilities if grade is captured elsewhere in the abstract such as in the Collaborative Stage Site Specific Factors (CS SSF). The "grade/diff" field is coded to "9" if grade is captured elsewhere. FORDS also states that if your Central Registry requires that grade be coded in the histologic grade field, one would continue to code histologic grade. Indiana does require that grade continue to be coded as something other than "9" if applicable even if grade is coded elsewhere. For example, Fuhrman grade 2 renal cell carcinoma would have the Fuhrman grade coded in CS SSF 6 in the kidney schema. Grade 2 is coded in the histologic

“grade/diff” grade field as well as in the CS SSF 6 field for those reporting to the Indiana State Cancer Registry.

In coding recurrence, only code the type of **first** recurrence. A change is that in coding recurrence for lymphoma and leukemia, if a patient relapses, the recurrence code is “59”. If a drug such as Gleevec controls either disease process, the patient is considered to be in remission.

SEER RX has recently been updated. Please be sure you are using the most current version. There are several drugs that are no longer coded to chemotherapy. These are: Alemtuzumab/Campath; Bevacizumab/Avastin; Rituximab; Trastuzumab/Herceptin; Pertuzumab/Perjeta; and Cetuximab/Erbitux. Please be sure to always refer to SEER RX when coding systemic treatment.

The Indiana State Cancer Registry purchased the 2012-2013 NACCR Webinar series. I highly encourage all of you to participate, as you are able. The State hosts this event. Each Webinar covers the anatomy of the site being presented, Fords treatment codes as well as Collaborative Stage. They air from 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM and offer 3 CE’s for each Webinar. One must register with Marsha Lundy at the State Registry in order to receive the handouts prior to the Webinar. NAACR now requires that one complete a very short quiz to receive the CE certificate. The following are the topics remaining for the 2012-2013 Webinar series.

7/11/13 - Topics in Geographic Information Systems
8/01/13 - Cancer Registry Quality Control
9/05/13 - Coding Pitfalls
The 2013 - 2014 Webinar Series has been tentatively set. The schedule is:
10/03/13 - Collecting Cancer Data: Lip and Oral Cavity
11/07/13 - Collecting Cancer Data: Prostate
12/05/13 - Collecting Cancer Data: Ovary
01/09/14 - Collecting Cancer Data: Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors (GIST)
02/06/14 - Collecting Cancer Data: Treatment Data
03/06/14 - Abstracting and Coding Boot Camp: Cancer Case Scenarios
04/03/14 - Collecting Cancer Data: Melanoma
05/01/14 - Collecting Cancer Data: Colon and Rectum
06/05/14 - Collecting Cancer Data: Liver
07/10/14 - Topics in Survival Data
08/07/14 - Collecting Cancer Data: Lung
09/11/14 - Coding Pitfalls

Members who maintain RHIT or RHIA credentials must obtain 6 CE’s in ICD-10-CM by December 2014. This was revised since ICD-10-CM will not be implemented until 2014. Please keep that in mind when accruing CE’s.



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Bylaws Committee/ Membership Committee Chair, Judi Reininga, CTR

Bylaws Update:

The Bylaws Committee met on May 4, 2013 to review and discuss any changes to the ICRA bylaws. The committee determined that no changes are needed at this time. Individual members of ICRA may propose amendments provided the amendment is accompanied by the written endorsement of 5 additional members. All proposed amendments are to be submitted to the President at least 90 days prior to the annual business meeting. This year the date for submission to the President is August 9th. If you have questions or comments regarding the bylaws, contact me at judi_reininga@insightbb.com or 812-867-6029

2013-2014 Membership Drive Update:

We welcome new members Darlene Edwards, CTR from Champs Oncology and Paula Rietel from St. Francis Hospital Cancer Center. We hope to see you at the Fall Conference.

The deadline for renewing memberships was June 1st. If you did not pay your dues by this date, you can still pay the \$25 plus the \$10 late fee to reinstate your membership. I will be sending letters to those that are delinquent around June 10th. According to ICRA Bylaws, I will not be able to accept memberships after September 8, 2013. In order to qualify for the member discount at the Fall Conference, your dues (plus late fee if applicable) must be paid by this date. New members do not have to pay a late fee but must meet the September deadline. At this time we have only 76 paid members. Dues are the only income for ICRA. Without paid members ICRA will not be able to meet its budget. Questions regarding your membership may be addressed to judi_reininga@insightbb.com or 812-867-6029.

Ways & Means Committee, Joann Schultz, RHIT, CTR

Thank you again for your generous support of the Silent Auction at last year's Fall Conference. Due to a change in employment Kim Turpin, RHIT, CTR was unable to attend NCRA. I am pleased to announce Angela Lee, CTR was able to attend NCRA. We will once again host a silent auction at the Fall Conference and offer Dining to Donate Wednesday & Thursday evenings.

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Website Committee Chair/Secretary, Cassie Nobbe, CTR

Website Update:

As of January, ICRA's original website (www.icra-indiana.com) officially went offline. The current website remains at www.icra-indiana.net. The website is routinely updated and a unique ID and a password are set annually. Please contact the webmaster at icra_indiana@yahoo.com for any questions or concerns regarding the website.

NCRA 2013 Update: Cassie Nobbe, CTR

Each year, ICRA provides the President-Elect with an opportunity to attend the National Cancer Registrars conference with a paid conference fee. This year, our President-Elect, Jan Duncan could not attend the conference due to work conflicts (Commission on Cancer Survey) and I was given the opportunity to attend in her place which I graciously accepted. This resulted in conference free paid by ICRA (which pleased my hospital) and an invitation to the State's President Luncheon hosted by NCRA's current president.

I was very excited about attending my first national conference as were my two sisters who accompanied me on my travels to the west coast for their "free" hotel stay/discounted vacation. This year's conference theme was "Golden opportunities for Education and Professional Growth by the Bay" and included over 20 continuing education credits on the topics ranging from the commission on cancer standards, healthcare legislation, and collaborative stage.

As with any educational event, there were topics that I enjoyed and those I did not. My favorite part of the conference was the State President's luncheon. I believe there were about 30 participants from state/regional associations in attendance. Each representative provided a little information about their organization. I was surprised to find that ICRA's 90 or so member organization was actually one of the larger associations in attendance. Active membership ranged from 40 some members to over 200 for the other associations. The common challenge for state organizations involved motivating different members to run for board of director's positions as many associations' board members are constantly recycled. Another hot topic included hosting regional meetings.

Thank you ICRA for allowing me to attend NCRA as your representative. I am looking forward to attending future NCRA Conferences which will be held in Nashville, San Antonio, and Las Vegas.

The NCRA winner of the ICRA basket was Edith Hampton.











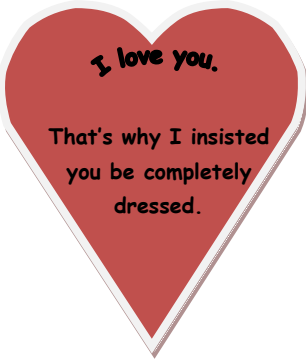
Kolleen Spencer, CTR/ACS Liaison



Time For SUN & FUN!



School is out! Vacations are beginning! Swimming pools are open. Sun exposure will be at its peak with summer activities.

<p>Mom, I am going out to play with my friends!</p> 	<p>Are you completely dressed?</p> 	<p>Yes!</p> 	 <p>Wait just a moment young man Check list first! Shoes ✓ Shorts ✓ Shirt ✓ Do you have sunscreen on?</p>
 <p>But Mom! My friends are waiting!</p> 	<p>Sunscreen or stay in. Which will it be?</p> 	<p>OK, Mom.</p> 	 <p>I love you. That's why I insisted you be completely dressed.</p>

Visit the American Cancer Society website and explore under **STAY HEALTHY**: Be safe in the Sun.

Topics include

- 1.) ACS Skin Cancer Prevention Activities
- 2.) Take Steps to protect Yourself
- 3.) How is sun exposure linked to cancer
- 4.) Take the Sun Safe Quiz

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:

Congratulations to IHIMA for celebrating its 65th Anniversary! IHIMA has a long history of providing continuing education opportunities, legislative updates, and important information about changes in the health care industry.

This year's Annual IHIMA Meeting was a huge success! They had **453** registered attendees. IHIMA would like to thank all of you who attended and made this meeting an amazing success. The goal for this year was to develop a program with extraordinary speakers who left everyone feeling informed about what is going on in the HIM field.

Molly Newkirk, RHIA, has step down from the IHIMA Central Office Coordinator position. IHIMA expresses their heartfelt gratitude for her support, dedication, and hard work to help advance IHIMA's mission and vision. IHIMA wishes Molly the best of luck in the future. As a result, they have posted the Central Office Coordinator position, which is a part-time position. For more information, visit www.ihima.org.

Historian Claudia Jenkins, CTR

If you had the chance read the Historians article of the Spring Edition of the Indiana Abstract, you may recall that we reviewed how The Indiana Cancer Registrars Association (ICRA) evolved from The Southern Indiana Tumor Registrars Association (SITRA). Included in that article was also a list of the charter members.

Not too long after that article was printed we received the news that one of the charter members, Ardythe Hester had passed away. Mrs. Hester succumbed on Monday, April 29, 2013. She had worked as the cancer registrar at Welborn Baptist Hospital for 31 years.



Indiana State Department of Health Cancer Registry Liaison Kimberly Turpin, RHIT, CTR

Hello, everyone, hope you are all enjoying your summer!

The Indiana State Cancer Registry had its CDC site visit for the NPCR in August and met all of the standards for data completeness, timeliness, and quality. The ISCR received the Silver Certification from NAACCR. Congrats to them!

Laura Ruppert also stated that the ISCR is currently able to upload 2013 cases.

The following are the educational webinars currently being offered:

Aug. 1, 2013: Cancer Registry Quality Control

Sept. 5, 2013: Coding Pitfalls

These webinars are held from 9:00am to 12:00(noon)pm at the Indiana State Department of Health, 5th floor conference room. You may contact (317) 233-7158 with any questions. There will be more NAACCR webinars available in starting in October.

Have a safe summer and Happy 4th of July!



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