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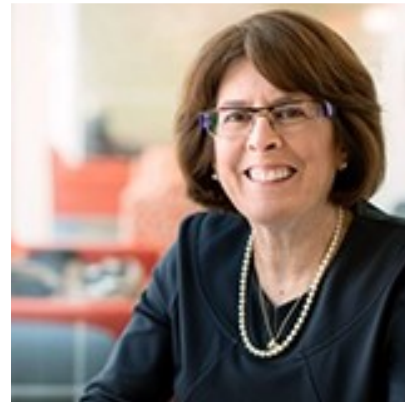
### From the Director's Desk

#### [Quality: Every Contribution Counts](#)

**Heidi Nelson, MD, FACS**

Medical Director, ACS Cancer Programs

When we think of major clinical cancer advances, we tend to focus our attention on new therapies, such as break-through immunotherapy, gene therapy, or robotic, minimally invasive surgery. Naturally, we see hope in these therapies; hope for better outcomes, less toxicity, and a brighter, healthier future.



### Top Stories

#### [Questions about Quality Improvement and Synoptic Operative Reports? Access 2020 ACS Quality and Safety Conference Sessions for Answers](#)

Several sessions at the recent 2020 ACS Quality and Safety Conference VIRTUAL focused on quality improvement and synoptic operative reporting. Recordings of these sessions can be accessed at no charge through the end of the year on the ACS website.

#### [NAPBC Launches New Portal](#)

Beginning today, breast programs will use the new National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers Quality Portal to manage their accreditation information.

#### [NCDB Participant User File 2004-2017 Data Now Available](#)

The National Cancer Database Participant User File application for 2004–2017 data is now open. In addition, the NCDB has announced several major changes to the PUF website and

data.

### [CoC Thanks RCRS Pilot Group](#)

In anticipation of the fall 2020 launch of the new Rapid Cancer Reporting System, the NCDB thanks the individuals who recently participated in a pilot program and review of the new system.

### [Download Free Breast Cancer Awareness Month Poster](#)

CoC- and NAPBC-accredited programs can promote their commitment to quality care with a free Breast Cancer Awareness Month poster, available for download on the ACS Cancer Programs website.

### [Dr. Rick Greene Featured on Surgical Palliative Care Podcast](#)

Former CoC Chair and CAnswer Forum Live host Frederick L. (Rick) Greene, MD, FACS, discussed integrating palliative care into surgical oncology on a recent podcast.

### [ACS CRP Reviews Lymph Node Survey Results](#)

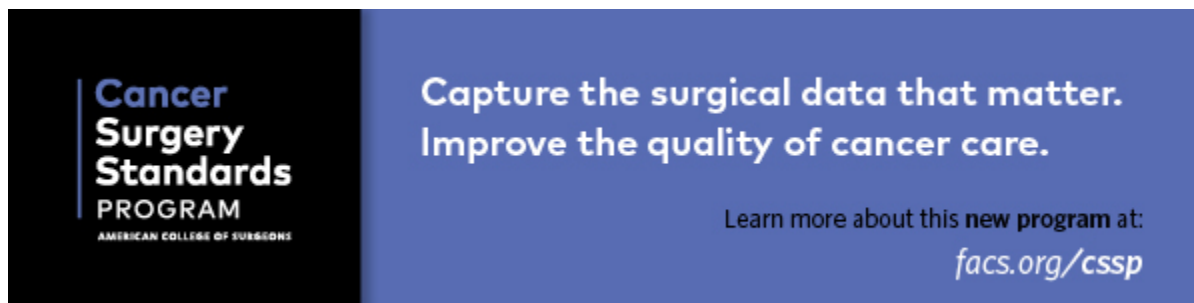
ACS Cancer Research Program researchers will use the lymph node survey results to develop teaching strategies for accurate mediastinal lymph node staging.

### [AJCC Moving from Editions to Versions in 2021](#)

Beginning January 1, 2021, the American Joint Committee on Cancer will shift from a Cancer Staging Manual to a Cancer Staging System, as well as move from editions to versions, which better align with software development and user preference.

### [AJCC Chair Commends Baseball Legend's Efforts to Raise Prostate Cancer Awareness](#)

In a recent article in the *Baltimore Sun*, AJCC Chair Robert K. Brookland, MD, FACR, FACRO, discussed Orioles legend Cal Ripken, Jr.'s efforts to promote prostate cancer awareness by sharing news about his diagnosis and treatment.



The banner features a dark blue background on the left with the text "Cancer Surgery Standards PROGRAM" and "AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS" below it. On the right, a lighter blue background contains the text "Capture the surgical data that matter. Improve the quality of cancer care." and "Learn more about this new program at: [facs.org/cssp](https://facs.org/cssp)".

## Education and Training News

### [August CAnswer Forum LIVE Recording NOW Available On-Demand](#)

How would you answer this question: For CoC Standard 4.2, what is considered "oncology-related CE?" Register and view CAnswer Forum LIVE webinars to learn the answer.

### [QI Webinar Now Available On-Demand](#)

A new on-demand webinar reviews strategies for planning and implementing quality improvement projects to meet the requirements of CoC Standard 7.3.

## From the Field

### [Living beyond Breast Cancer Hosts Webinar on Navigating Young Women's Metastatic Breast Cancer](#)

Living Beyond Breast Cancer is offering a free webinar for health care providers on helping young women with metastatic breast cancer navigate their treatment options and develop coping strategies.

## Meet the State Chairs

### [Meet Paula Denoya, MD, FACS](#) State Chair, Eastern Long Island

Paula Denoya, MD, FACS, CoC State Chair for Eastern Long Island, believes that CoC accreditation is an effective method for monitoring standards of cancer care and quality improvement.



## Congratulations

### [Ned Carp, MD, FACS, Named 2020 RAS-ACS Outstanding Mentor of the Year](#)

CoC leader Ned Z. Carp, MD, FACS, has been honored as the Outstanding Mentor of the Year by the Resident and Associate Society of the American College of Surgeons.



## The Latest from Cancer Programs

### [Important Dates and Deadlines](#)

Save the date for these important events and deadlines.

**CoC, NAPRC, and NAPBC Virtual Site Visits: What Programs Need to Know**  
September 24, 2020

**Virtual ACS Clinical Congress**  
October 3–7, 2020

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