



INDIANA ABSTRACT

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A Message from the President - Mandi Kraushaar

Hello ICRA Members! We hope this newsletter finds you all well and ready for SPRING! The ICRA Board has already hit the ground running this year in getting ready for an amazing year full of education and updates for our members! If you haven't already purchased your membership for this year, don't forget to do that soon so you can receive all of our membership benefits this year! This issue of the Indiana Abstract is PACKED with information. So maybe sure to read through everything. In this issue you will find:

- Info on renewing your membership
- Nomination reminders
- 2025 Webinar schedule
- A sneak peak at our Fall Conference plans
- Sponsorship information
- Website how-tos
- Treasurer report
- & more!

Please connect with me if you have ideas for upcoming issues of the newsletter or feedback for ICRA in general.

Thank you for your membership!

Mandi Kraushaar

ICRA President & Public Relations Co-Chair

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Have you renewed your ICRA Membership?

Nancy Whipple, ODS-C Membership Chair

Thank you all of you that attended our 2024 ICRA Fall Conference Virtual Meeting and renewing your membership. We are asking everyone to go online: <https://icra-indiana.net/membership/> to complete the membership application. You can designate if you will be paying by check or by credit card. After you have completed the application if paying by check mail a check to the mailing address provided. If by credit card please go to the next page and complete the process.

Thank you, Cassie Nobbe for all your help with me transitioning to the Membership Chairman. We currently have 77 members. Please check with your co-workers to see if they are members. If not encourage them to join.

Education chairman, Leslie Woodard, is planning to provide 3 more member only educational webinars with NCRA approved CEs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or any member of the ICRA Board of Directors.

Your Input is Needed!

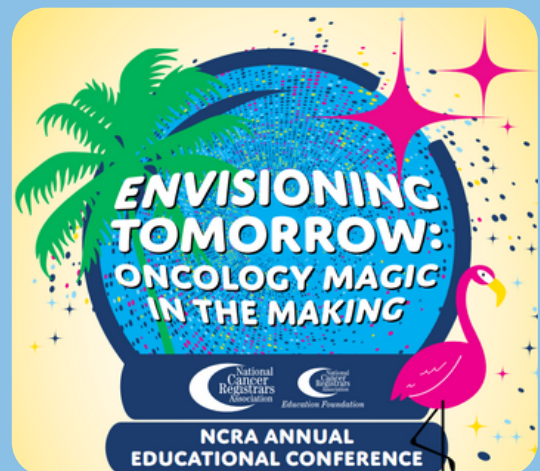
ICRA is partnering with Michigan, Ohio, and Kentucky to begin planning for a 2026 Midwest Regional Conference. We are in the very early planning stages, but we need your input to help with the planning. Please complete this very quick survey:

2026 Regional Conference Survey

Congratulations
to ICRA Member

Kayla Mastey

for winning ICRA's drawing for NCRA Registration! She was randomly selected from all current ICRA members. Kayla has chosen to attend NCRA virtually this year.



President Elect - LeAnn Capps

Hello members, I am looking forward to another adventure as Prés. Elect! I will be looking for committee chairpersons for 2026 as well. If anyone is interested in serving on a committee and letting their ideas be heard please let me know, it is a great way of networking and making great friend connections!

I will be representing ICRA at NCRA in May in Orlando and hope to pick up ideas from the Presidents Luncheon to help with increasing our membership numbers, as all state associations are having the same issue. I will also be taking the Indiana basket for the state raffle, so if you are attending, in person or virtually, check it out and bid on it!



Board Nominations

Hello membership!

As Past President this year I am busy working with the program committee chair as a co-chair and assisting the president as needed. Lots of things are in motion to prepare our annual fall conference!

As Nominations Committee Chair this year, I will be looking for nominations for BOD positions within ICRA membership, you can nominate a fellow ODS-C or yourself! To be eligible for nomination you must be currently working in a Cancer Registry and an ICRA member in good standing.

All the descriptions for each position are on the member only section of the website. You can also email me directly and I am happy to send you all documents for each position or answer any questions you might have about running for an elected position. We are a fun group to work with and are always looking for members who want to be involved! We have many committees that are appointed by the President as well, so if you are interested in serving on the board but don't want to run for an elected position, we have many committees that would love to have you.

Positions available for nomination:

President- Elect

Vice- President

Secretary

Treasurer (2-year term)

Formal nomination requests will be sent out via email in July! No need to wait if you are considering running, please reach out to me!

Respectfully,

Emily Freeman, RHIT, ODS-C, ICRA Past President/Nominations Committee Chair

Emily.Freeman@franciscanalliance.org

What is “Ways & Means”?

Sara Mitchell & Beth Otto

The Indiana Cancer Registry Association (ICRA) Ways and Means Committee is a crucial entity dedicated to overseeing financial planning, budgeting, and revenue generation to support our cancer registry association initiatives. By managing funding sources and financial policies, this committee ensures that the Indiana Cancer Registry Association can support continuing education and conference sponsorships for our members. By doing so, it satisfies the ICRA Mission and Purpose of providing education and training, and increases the level of knowledge and performance of ODS-C's through continuing education.

One of our primary responsibilities includes fundraising by identifying funding opportunities, overseeing donor contributions, and securing sponsorships to support our members.

If you are part of or know of an organization that would like to contribute to the success and education of Indiana Oncology Data Specialists, please contact Beth Otto or Sara Mitchell via the ICRA Membership Directory



2025 Webinar Schedule

Another new year...time is FLYING! I hope everyone has been able to enjoy some of the winter weather we've experienced this year. It was fun, for a few days, but I am ready for warmer days and spending more time outside. I went ahead and got this year's free webinars lined up. Be on the lookout for registration links about a month prior to each date. If you have any specific questions or cases that correspond to the topics, please share with me!

March 18, 2025: 2025 Updates and CAnswer Forum Clarifications

June 12, 2025: Abstracting Prostate and Bladder Cases

September 11, 2025: Solid Tumor Rules in Action

All scheduled 11:30am-12:30pm EST

Work has also started on the annual Fall Conference, including a night of fun the evening prior to the conference. We're working hard to ensure opportunities to meet the in-person education requirement are available to members. Look for more information to come later in the year.

As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate to reach out. My response time is a little slower than what I'd like, but I promise I will get back to you when time allows 😊

Hope to see some of you at the NCRA conference in sunny Florida!

Leslie Woodard, ODS-C, ICRA Education Chair

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!!! Did You Know?

For those that have been an ICRA member for a few years, you may remember back to the 2021 ICRA conference when we discussed class of case and how it applies to different scenarios...specifically, when a patient has treatment at one facility, and goes to another facility for further recommendations. Well, in 2023 NCDB had changed their instructions (via CAnswer Forum posts and a direct email with me) and I shared that clarification with all of you.

Welcome to 2025 - another change!



I personally feel this aligns with STORE instructions better, and is the direction initially shared in 2021. Effective immediately, the following direction should be applied. Additionally, NCDB is having discussions about getting this scenario added to STORE.

Surveillance, contraindication, or refusal of treatment only affect class of case if that is the one and only treatment option/modality provided.

Treatment Decisions and Class of Case

Provided below are the only classes of case that would be assigned for the different scenarios listed.

- Decision for active surveillance only
 - 00 - Diagnosed at your facility, active surveillance chosen elsewhere
 - 14 - Diagnosed at your facility and active surveillance chosen there
 - 22 - Diagnosed elsewhere, active surveillance chosen at your facility
- Patient had surgery at an outside facility, refused adjuvant therapy at your facility
 - 14 - The facility the diagnosed and performed the surgery
 - 30 - Facility that recommended adjuvant therapy and patient refused
- Surgery at your facility, consult with oncology at outside facility that said no adjuvant therapy needed
 - 14 - Diagnosed and surgery performed at your facility
 - 30 - Outside facility consulted with the patient and provided no further treatment
- Patient diagnosed and neoadjuvant outside, planned surgery cancelled at your facility due to poor response
 - 14 - Diagnosed and neoadjuvant therapy provided at outside facility
 - 30 - Facility originally planning surgery but cancelled. No treatment was provided

Bottom line - once a patient has received treatment, if he/she goes to another facility, that 2nd facility MUST provide treatment to be an analytic class of case.

Please reach out if you'd like to have specific examples provided to you, or with any questions. I can't share the 1:1 email I had with NCDB about this, but the forum link that clarifies this is located here - very last post: [refused 1st course chemo after surgery - CAnswer Forum](#)



2025 Fall Conference Preview

Hello and happy Spring! Your ICRA Program Committee has been hard at work securing speakers and locations for the Fall Conference! That's right, we will be back in person in 2025, and we hope to have a big turnout. Please encourage your colleagues to attend.

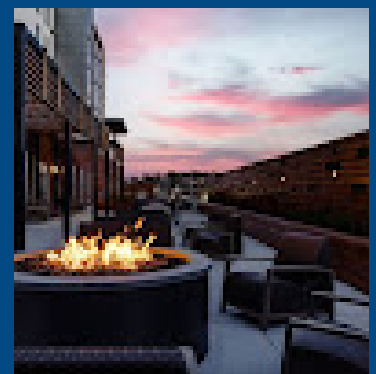
We will be having a Friday only conference this year on November 7, 2025. It will be filled to the brim with great topics, speakers, and activities. Please feel free to contact me regarding any speakers or topics you feel could be a great addition.

Additionally, a live trivia event at the hotel on Thursday evening, November 6, 2025 is planned. This will be a chance to earn additional CEs and socialize with your fellow registrars. This event is open to anyone who is attending the Fall Conference. I will be your hostess with the mostess. You can count on this to be a fun event!

Mandi has chosen a hotel that is in a wonderful location and close to IKEA! Tons of top-notch restaurants and activities in the area as well. The hotel rooms for guests are cheaper than the Drury. We are always trying to maximize your experience and minimize the expense, and this year Mandi has succeeded!

Please reach out to me at Samantha.kunz@franciscanalliance.com with any suggestions or questions.

Thank you,
Samantha Kunz &
Emily Freeman



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2025 ICRA FALL CONFERENCE

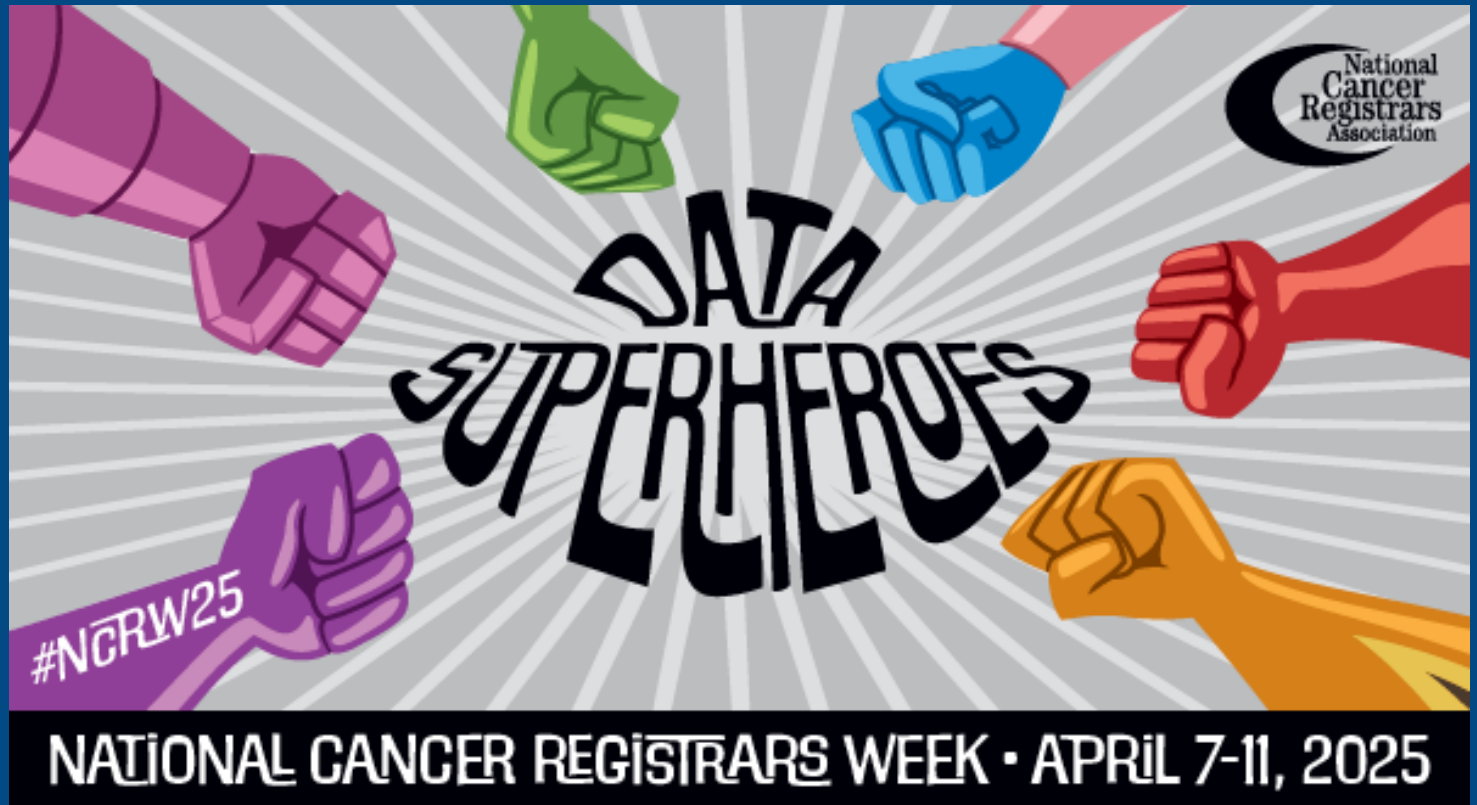
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Marriott Courtyard
11550 Whistle Dr.
Fishers, IN 46034

Thursday, November 6
TRIVIA NIGHT!
Food, fun, CEs

Public Relations Co-Chair - LeAnn Capps

Preparations are underway for the annual conference! Vendor/sponsors are being contacted, topics are being discussed. National Cancer Registrars Week is also approaching, April 7-11th. The proclamation from the Governor has been requested and is pending and will be posted on the ICRA website as well as the NCRA website upon arrival.



Any **condolence cards** to be sent for immediate members of ICRA members should be sent to: leann.capps@ascension.org



Sponsorship Opportunities

ICRA is looking for sponsorships for this year. If you know of a company or organization who may be interested in partnering with us, please share **the sponsorship form** with them to email information to Mandi Kraushaar (MandiK.ODS@gmail.com) to connect with them about sponsorship options.



Website Updates & Information

Cassie Nobbe - Website Chair

www.icra-indiana.net

ICRA Usernames and Passwords

In 2020, ICRA decided to assign individual usernames and passwords to the membership. If you are unsure of your username and password, please reach out to me via [our e-mail address](#).

Username: first name.last name

Example: cassandra.nobbe

Update Contact Information

If you would like to have your contact information updated, please complete the on-line form.

[Update Your Contact Information | ICRA](#)

ICRA Surveys

The Board of Directors will occasionally survey the Membership for their opinions. A section for these surveys has been added to the website.

Link: [Surveys | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)

ICRA Blasts and Broadcast E-mails

At times ICRA's Blast/Broadcast e-mails are not received by active members. This may be due to firewalls and settings controlled by your organization or by my own human error. ICRA has designated a specific section in your member resources to store copies of these e-mails. After ICRA sends an e-mail to the membership, it is uploaded to the website.

Link: [ICRA Membership Blasts/Broadcast Emails | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)

ICRA Webinar Recordings

ICRA sponsored webinars are saved in the Members Only section of the website.

Link: [ICRA Webinars | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)

ICRA Membership Application

ICRA's Membership Application is now an on-line process. To renew your membership, complete the application form on the website. Membership for the current year closes 60 days prior to the Annual Fall Conference. The application will vanish from the website at this time and reappear in January.

Link: [Membership Application | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)

ICRA Payments

ICRA's accepts both check and on-line payments. Membership dues, conference fees, and sponsorship can be paid via the website. There is a processing fee for on-line transactions. Currently, the conference fee section is blank as we are not yet accepting payments for the Fall Conference. ICRA has recently added donations to the sponsorship tab. If you would like to support ICRA through a monetary donation you can do so online.

Membership Dues:

[Membership Dues | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)

Conference Fees:

[Conference Fees | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)

Sponsorship Fees:

[Sponsorship Fees | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)

Indiana State Dept of Health Cancer Registry Information

The education e-mail blasts from the Indiana State Department of Health Cancer Registry are uploaded to the website for your review.

Link: [Indiana State Department of Health Information | ICRA \(icra-indiana.net\)](#)



Treasurer Report

Indiana Cancer Registrars Association				
Quarter 3: Fiscal Year 2024-2025; Quarter 4: Calendar Year 2024				
	October	November	December	Total
Beginning Balance	\$ 18,043.63	\$ 21,616.78	\$ 21,034.67	
Income				
Membership - Check Payment	\$ 210.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 335.00
Membership - Stripe Payment	\$ 750.00	\$ 90.00		\$ 840.00
Conference Registration - Check Payment	\$ 300.00	\$ 150.00		\$ 450.00
Conference Registration - Stripe Payment	\$ 2,188.19	\$ 223.36		\$ 2,411.55
Vendor Sponsorship/Exhibit	\$ 200.00			\$ 200.00
Ways and Means				\$ -
NCRA - Basket Raffle				\$ -
NCRA - State Association Fundraiser				\$ -
Refunds(voided check)	\$ 148.96			\$ 148.96
Total Income:	\$ 3,797.15	\$ 558.36	\$ 30.00	\$ 4,385.51
Expenses				
Board - Mileage				\$ -
Board - Lunch				\$ -
Website - Maintenance	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 99.00	\$ 297.00
Website - Upgrade				\$ -
NCRA - CEU	\$ 125.00			\$ 125.00
NCRA - Basket				\$ -
NCRA - Registration				\$ -
Refund - Duplicate Pay / Payment		\$ 18.55		\$ 18.55
CAN Surety Bond				\$ -
Annual Conference (see breakdown)		\$ 922.92		\$ 922.92
Misc. - Memorial		\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
Total Expense:	\$ 224.00	\$ 1,140.47	\$ 99.00	\$ 1,463.47
Ending Balance Checking	\$ 21,616.78	\$ 21,034.67	\$ 20,965.67	
Balance Savings Account	\$ 21,007.83	\$ 21,008.17	\$ 21,008.53	
Total	\$ 42,624.61	\$ 42,042.84	\$ 41,974.20	

Respectfully submitted:

Tracy Paulus, ODS-C

01/17/2025

Annual Conference Expense Breakdown	
Annual Conference - Catering	\$ -
Annual Conference - Location	\$ -
Annual Conference - Speaker Fees	\$ 600.00
Annual Conference - Speaker Extras	\$ -
Annual Conference - Gifts/Plaques	\$ 22.00
Annual Conference - President Awards/Gifts	\$ -
Annual Conference - Supplies	\$ 289.72
Annual Conference - Vendor Scholarship	\$ -
Annual Conference - Misc.	\$ 11.20
Total	\$ 922.92

Outcome	
Conference Income	\$ 4,180.46
Conference Expense	\$ 922.92
Outcome	\$ 3,257.54

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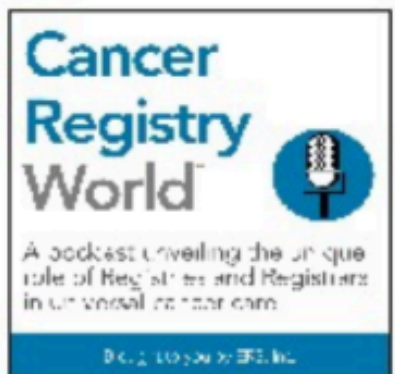
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