


AR. Central Cancer Registry (ACCR) Updates



The email address, CentralRegistry@healthyarkansas.com is only for data submissions and non-reportable files. Please **do not** email anything else to this address. If you have questions, call or email someone on staff. Thank you.


Non-Reportable Files

 We are now able to input non-reportable files electronically. **In order to do this we need for non-reportable files to be submitted in Excel or Access with the following data items.** Your cooperation will be appreciated. **Please do not leave any items blank. Put in 9's if you need to. Thank you**

Last name	First name	DOB mmddyyyy	SSN	DX date or 1st date of contact	ICD9 site code Example: C509	Comments: reason for being nonrpt.

Mark your calendars!!



 ACCR Annual Training Workshop, “Champions for Cancer Surveillance: Registrars Raising the Bar” is scheduled for June 8 – 9, 2006 at the Wynham Hotel in N. Little Rock. Information packages have been mailed.

With the many changes in the field of Cancer Registry, as professional Cancer Registrars, we have to work hard to strengthen our knowledge in order to provide accurate & quality data for cancer surveillance. We are raising the bar for excellence.



VIDEOCONFERENCE: MARCH 21, 2006, Arkansas Central Cancer Registry - Presenting “How to Collect High Quality Cancer Surveillance Data for Melanoma

Workshop prepared by NAACCR/NPCR. The date is fast approaching and we need to know who will be attending the conference. Please respond by contacting Johnnie Jackson at 661-2960 or reply via e-mail. CE hours are pending from NCRA

Agenda

- 1:30-1:35 Introductions – Theressia Mitchell, CTR, RHIT
- 1:35-2:30 Collecting Quality Data – Melanoma – Theressia Mitchell, CTR, RHIT
- 2:30-2:40 Questions



Timeliness



The goal of cancer surveillance and data collection is to have timely information on the cancer burden, nationally and in specific populations. **AR Central Cancer Registry uses the ACoS standards for case abstracting and requests monthly submissions from all facilities. ACoS standard: Case abstracts must be done within six months of diagnosis.**

Abstracting delays can slow the process of death clearance, visual editing, and case consolidation, procedures that are important to the registries’ completeness calculation. As one of the CDC objectives, ACCR is implementing policy & procedures for performing timeliness audits.

Abstracting Reminders

Helpful rules for coding the histology: Terms **that mean** majority of tumor are *predominantly, with features of, major, type, with differentiation, pattern and architecture of*. Terms that **do not mean** majority of tumor are *with foci of, focus, areas of, elements of, and component of*.

Do not code surgical procedures which aspirate, biopsy, or remove regional lymph nodes in an effort to diagnose and/or stage disease in the non-cancer directed surgery data item (NAACCR item# 1350). Use the data item Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery (NAACCR item# 1292) to code these procedures. FORDS pg. 109.

Prostate Gleason score 7 is poorly differentiated

For malignant melanoma, record the size of the tumor in the Collaborative Staging tumor size, not depth or thickness. Depth or thickness is recorded in Site-specific Factor 1 (SSF1). Code melanoma ulceration in SSF2, if reported by a pathologist, **not clinical**. If pathology report does not mention ulceration in diagnosis, code 000, no ulceration.

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Barbara Murchison passed the Certified Tumor Registrar "CTR" exam.

Congratulations, Barbara!



Gigi White gave birth to a 7lbs.13oz son, *Parker Augustus White* on February 21, 2006 at 4:45 p.m.

Congratulations, Gigi!

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Thanks for your monthly data submission.



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