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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Elizabeth Elrod, BS, RHIA, CTR

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Greetings, Florida Cancer Registrars! I hope everyone's year is off to a great start. I am looking forward to seeing everyone July 24th and 25th in Orlando this year. We have chosen such a beautiful hotel to showcase this year's speakers. Please save the date and mark your calendars for our 2017 Annual Education Conference in July in Orlando at the beautiful Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort at Bonnet Creek! Highlights of this year's meeting include an entire day devoted to staging, including updating current news of the AJCC 8th Edition Staging Manual.

I also want to mention and give special thanks to our FCRA Board of Directors! Our team of volunteers has been working hard to keep our State Association going strong by giving their time to attend Board meetings, carrying out administrative duties, as well as other demands. Also, our Program Committee has been extremely busy organizing our Annual Education Conference meeting by arranging for speakers, preparing our brochure, attending meetings at the hotel, etc.

At our last Board meeting, the discussion came up regarding the possibility that our membership may not be familiar with the different roles and functions of the FCRA Board and Program Committee, so the decision was made to do a special SunTimes Newsletter with each Board Member writing an introduction and description of what they do. I think everyone did a fantastic job! I hope you enjoy reading about each one of the members, and what their duties are. Please, if you have any questions or would like to get involved or volunteer, feel free to email me at elizabethmarieelrod@gmail.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO FLORIDA'S NEW CTRs

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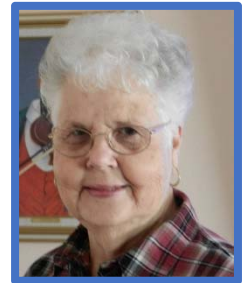
Treasurer

Dinah Merrill, CTR- I am the Manager of Cancer Data Services at St. Anthony's Hospital, St Petersburg, Florida. As Treasurer, I am the keeper of the check-book. Simply put, I deposit and distribute monies at the request of the Executive Board. It is a simple job of documentation and filing because this association employs an accountant so that everything is kept legal and in order. So really the Treasurer is a much easier job than it sounds, since the accountant is there to help and file the taxes etc. If you are interested in volunteering, let the Board know that you want to become involved. You will love it!

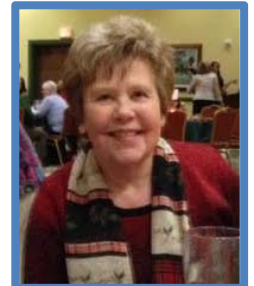


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Patricia Bentley, CTR-I am a founding member and Past-President of FCRA. My co-chair duties include keeping the Membership Roster up to date, processing new memberships, and depositing dues for the treasury.



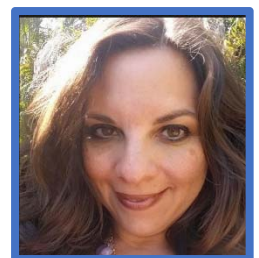
FCDS Liaison

Joyce Allan, MPh, CTR- I am the FCRA co-chair of the FCRA Task Force of which both FCRA and FCDS have several members. We have monthly conference calls facilitated and organized by Steve Peace, the FCDS Senior Manager Research Support. Our goal is to keep the lines of communication open between FCDS, our central cancer registry and the Florida cancer registrars. We reach out to Florida cancer registrars to bring general issues to our attention for discussion and resolution. The links for the Task Force are on the FCRA and FCDS websites or you can email me directly @ jallan8431@aol.com. In addition, I have held many positions for FCRA over the years as Membership Chair, Past President, and CCRAB Liaison for 10 years.



Bylaws

Mayra Espino, BA, RHIT, CTR- I am in charge of keeping the bylaws up to date. As a reminder, any FCRA member interested in submitting a proposal for a new bylaw or to update or amend an existing bylaw should submit it in writing with the recommendations and include the appropriate section and page number from the bylaws manual. These changes can be sent to me in an email, in a word document attached to an email, or by regular mail. The updates of these bylaws will be made available on the FCRA website. Please send any recommendations to mbectr@gmail.com





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Historian

Anne Auguste, CTR-I am the historian for FCRA, you may ask what is the role of a historian, well I'm so glad you asked.

1. An expert in history; authority on history.
2. A writer of history; chronicler.

Honestly, I'm none of these 2 but I like history and I enjoyed learning about others. As you already know Cancer Registrars are story tellers, they tell the history of the patients. My position at FCRA is to keep in my possession the special scrapbooks depicting the history of FCRA, keep them up to date and display them at the Annual Meeting. Now with the power of technology, you can go to FCRA website and view all the pictures. Please join us and be a volunteer for this great organization, remember it is always a blessing to serve with your time, talent and treasure.



Education

Vonetta Williams, PhD, MPH, CTR- I am the Manager of Information Shared Services and Collaborative Data Services Core at Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute in Tampa, Florida. As the FCRA Education Chair I have the responsibility for applying for continuing education credits for the annual meeting through the National Cancer Registrars Association, and am also available to assist the FCRA President and Program Chair in hotel selection and contract signing and working with the annual meeting program and subcommittees to ensure program subject and speakers are appropriate.



FCRA Education Foundation Liaison

Jamie Suarez, RHIT, BS, CTR- This position works with the FCRA Education Foundation board and fund raising committee. We meet via teleconference calls as needed. Minutes of all meetings held by the Foundation board and Fund Raising committee are taken and distributed in timely manner. This person acts as a liaison between these boards and the FCRA Executive committee. Other duties; include that Florida State Exemptions: *Consumer's Certificate of Exemption* be filed every 5 years. This Certificate proves the Foundation is a 501(c) (3) and is exempt from Florida state tax. The Foundation president signs the annual hotel contract. We must also report to the IRS. The Foundation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the "Code"), Form 990n filed by FCRA accountant no later than September of tax year, Foundation secretary assures this is performed in timely manner. I also maintain all e-mail and/or paper correspondence for the Foundation.



Public Relations/Editor

Janet Vogel, CTR-Well, I have the privilege of being the editor for the SunTimes for which you are reading right now. Most of the time it's a pretty easy gig, because everyone else writes the articles and I just assemble them together, send it out for the board to proof, then finally put in a PDF, and send it to the webmaster to publish on our website. I have held several positions on the board of FCRA and I have been richly rewarded through my years of volunteering for the association. I may now live in Tennessee, but my heart will always be in Florida and I am happy to continue service to this group.



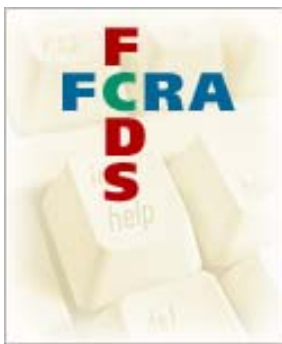


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2016 Program Chairs-Heather Burner, CTR-I co-chair the Program Chair's position for FCRA, my first time working on the BOD and have really enjoyed it. I've been a CTR since 1993, having worked in several hospital registries as well as having done some contractual work in FL and NC. Currently I am Manager of Cancer Registry and Quality Outcomes for Florida Hospital Central Region. I am also on the FCRA/FCDS Task Force. I absolutely love being a CTR and enjoy the work that we do. I've met the nicest people in this field and made many life-long friends.



FCRA / FCDS TASK FORCE taskforce@fcra.org



The **main purpose of this task force is to allow for an easy method of communicating various issues at both the Cancer Registrars and Central Registry level.** This task force will tackle problems such as issue resolution, improvement of processes (with the hope of increasing efficiency), and assist in identifying areas of educational needs. The task force direct e-mail is taskforce@fcra.org please feel free to **contact them with any issues you would like the task force to address.**

NOMINATING CHAIR **Prudence Ashley, RHIT, CTR** prudence.ashley@aol.com

As the 2016/2017 Nominating Chair, I want to thank all the members who have already expressed an interest in becoming involved, but we still need YOU! Now is the time for you to consider taking an extra step and running for one of the open positions with your State Association.



Please show your commitment and interest by volunteering to run for one of the following open positions:

- Nominating Chair – 2017/2018**
- President Elect/Secretary – 2017/2018**

Remember – We need everyone to participate in making our FCRA Board a success – Please volunteer to run for office or participate in a committee. Your voice is important and essential for the achievement of our goals! And you will find it very rewarding!

Please contact me for more information on the open positions and running for office. Thank you!

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What's NOT Happening in 2017

- Delayed the implementation of the AJCC Staging Manual 8th Edition to 2018, thus there will not be a NAACCR Standards for Cancer Registries, Volume II, Data Standards and Data Dictionary, Version 17.
- The NAACCR Guidelines for ICD-O-3 Update Implementation (published December 2013) included a table of new ICD-O-3 codes and terms effective for 2015; however, the use of the new codes was postponed due to issues with adding these codes to the CSv2 software. For diagnosis year 2017, all standard setters have **agreed to postpone these codes once again**, and to use the alternate codes published in Table 2 of the NAACCR Guidelines for ICD-O-3 Update Implementation.

What's Staying the Same in 2017

- There are no reportability changes in 2017.
- Registries will continue to use the 2007 MP/H rules for cases diagnosed in 2017.
- Beginning with cases diagnosed January 1, 2017 and forward, the CoC will continue using the record layout and data collection requirements as published in NAACCR Standards Volume II, Version 16. There are no changes to CoC reporting requirements for 2017.
- Beginning with cases diagnosed January 1, 2017 and forward, CDC-NPCR will continue using the record layout and data collection requirements as published in NAACCR Standards Volume II, Version 16. There are no changes to CDC reporting requirements for 2017.

What's NEW in 2017

- Reportability of NIFTP (noninvasive follicular thyroid neoplasm with papillary-like nuclear features) as a New Term for EFVPTC (encapsulated follicular variant of papillary thyroid carcinoma). The standard setters have agreed to collect NIFTP as ICD-O-3 morphology code 8343/2. The standard setters have agreed to collect EFVPTC specified as invasive or NOS as 8343/3 (papillary carcinoma, encapsulated) beginning with cases diagnosed in 2017.
- The Version 16D metafile was released in February 2017.
- Small updates will be released via FORDS: Revised for 2017:
 1. The allowable values listed in the header for Sex [#220] were corrected to 1-6, 9 to reflect the addition of codes 5 and 6 in 2015.
 2. For Mets at DX—Other [#1117] the following code has been added: 2 Generalized metastases such as carcinomatosis.
 3. Minor coding clarifications were made to Tumor Size Summary [#756].
 4. Pagination was corrected for the First Course of Treatment section of the manual.
 5. The coding clarification in APPENDIX B: Site-Specific Surgery Codes for SKIN was updated to state “1 cm or more”.



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There is an easy way to donate to the FCRA Education Foundation while shopping on-line! Many of us shop at Amazon.com. Instead of going to the Amazon.com web site, all you need to do is go to *smile.amazon.com*, place your order as you usually do, and Amazon will donate a percent of your purchase price to the FCRA Education Foundation. You will see no difference between the web sites, and can use your same Amazon account. On your first visit to *smile.amazon.com*, you will be asked to select your charity. Please be sure to use our legal name, **FCRA Education Foundation Inc.**, when choosing your charity. If we all do this when shopping at Amazon, this will be a financial assist to our Foundation. As always, we truly appreciate your support of the FCRA Education Foundation.

FCRA Education Foundation Auction

Your FCRA Education Foundation is holding a Silent Auction on **Monday July 24, 2017**, during the FCRA Annual Education Conference in Orlando, Florida.

We invite you to bring an item to be donated. This could include gift certificates, coupons, or items from any friend or local establishment. Let your imagination soar! If you and your cancer registrar friends would like to make and donate a gift basket these are very popular with your fellow registrars.

DONATE YOUR UNWANTED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: Do you have items that you no longer want or that no longer fit your current décor such as gently used household items which might include wall decorations, lamps, tablecloths, or items you'd like to re-gift? Consider donating a few of these items to the FCRA Auction.

SOLICIT DONATIONS: When you are at your favorite restaurants or store or if you know the owner or manager, consider asking them to donate. Examples include:

- ◆ **Retail Donations:** Local boutiques, gift stores, grocery stores, independent toy or drug stores, hardware stores and state-wide movie theaters. Don't forget the wine & cheese stores or accessories such as wine glasses, glass markers, bottle openers, etc. Auction items may also include sports equipment, building supplies, tools, and non-perishable grocery items: really anyone who sells goods can be asked to donate actual items and/or gift certificates.
- ◆ **Restaurant Donations:** Statewide restaurant chains may provide gift certificates or coupons.
- ◆ **Does your hospital have giveaways?** These items may be grouped together with others to make one interesting "collection". Maybe an "Office packet" of pens, pencils, letter openers, etc. Check with your Marketing Department to see if they have any "left-over" promotional items they can part with.

All donations can be brought to the meeting or mailed to Gayle Clutter at 9764 Lake Seminole Dr E., Largo, FL 33770

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Janet Vogel, CTR

Blank vs X, the Saga Continues...

I have been working in the registry field since before the birth of my oldest child who is now twenty-one, so I'm not exactly a new registrar anymore, but some days, I still feel like it. During this past year, I've totally regressed to my earlier days of registry work, which to be honest has not been a bad thing. I am no longer confident in my knowledge of staging, and question everything I know or think I know about the subject, just like I did when I was but a wee "baby" registrar. I have every single reference open on both my computer and hard copies strung out all over my office. I gently page through my copy of the 7th Edition of the AJCC manual, it is tattered and torn, full of notes, reprinted pages, and sticky notes galore, to be honest it barely resembles a book anymore, it's in several pieces held together with a rubber band, but still I lug it out every day and refer to it. This is probably the best thing that I could have done to improve my skills as a registrar. All too often we tend to rely on our memories,

or drop downs in our software to abstract our cases, even though we've been taught and warned never to do that very thing. Still the more confident we get with our skills, bad habits form, and sometimes are hard to break, but I feel broken right now, so I'm changing my ways, and going back to basics, with my book in hand! I have had the opportunity to work with some fabulous registrars over the years, and I know I am not alone in how I've been



Just when I thought I
had it all worked out
I lost it again!

NEW REQUIREMENT FOR CTR'S:

Credentialed individuals are required to comply with a new continuing education standard as set forth by NCRA's Council on Certification. At least four (4) of the required 20 CE hours must fall within "Category A" which covers the specific topic(s) of: directly assigned stage and/or site specific coding principles.

feeling about staging either this year, we are all kind of confused, and unfortunately, I also have the data to prove it, albeit a small sample. I worked with some registrars and we pulled lists of cases diagnosed in 2016, and transferred the AJCC TNM & Group Staging Fields and Cancer Directed Surgery Codes to excel to evaluate areas of potential misunderstanding.

Once the data was in Excel, using Filters, I set up different scenarios to look for potential coding issues. This gets a little tricky because of the X vs Blank rules, and sometimes it's hard to differentiate if the Blank value is correct or if the abstractor just forgot to code it, or if the X is valid or not, it's still a bit murky to me, but below is a list of scenarios I evaluated and rationale behind why I chose to review these cases. Keep in mind some of the scenarios below will not yield an "edit" but the coding is either outright wrong or at the very least questionable and worthy of review.



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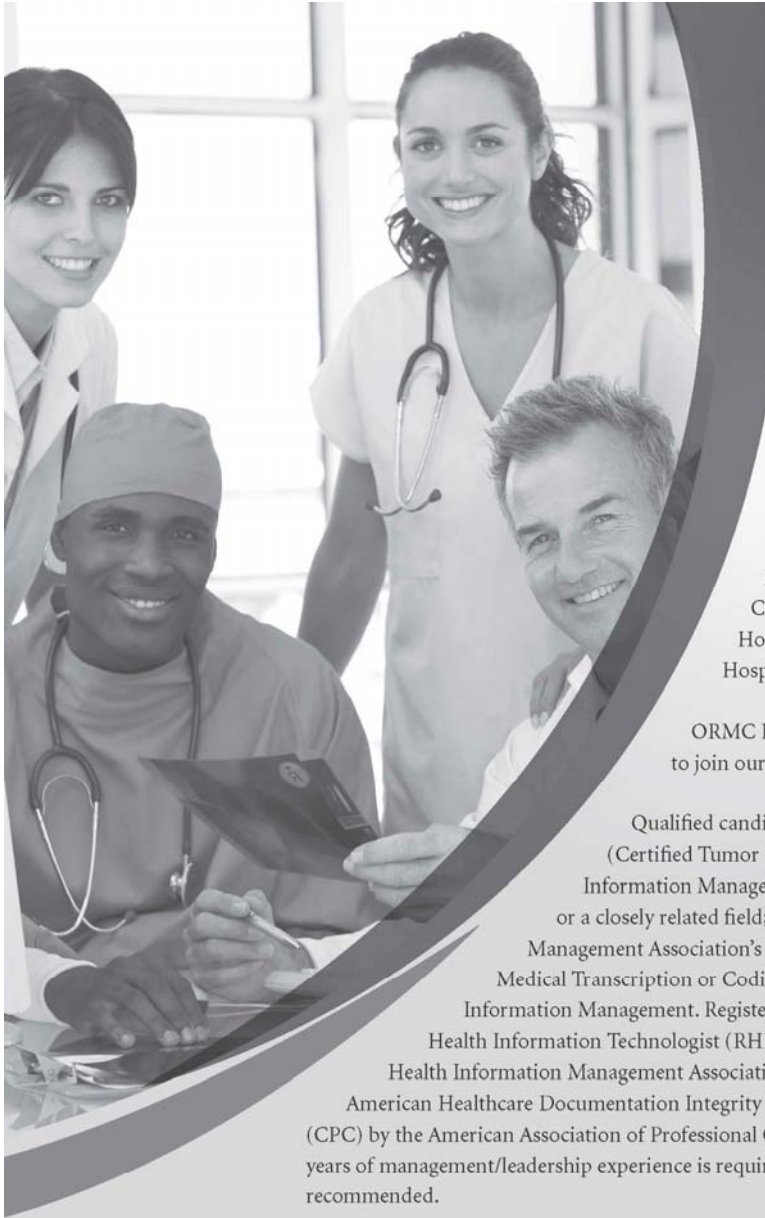
SCENARIO TO REVIEW	RATIONALE
Valid pT & pN and pM of BLANK	If the rules for Classification for pathologic T have been met, then the pT, pN and pM fields cannot be blank. Thousands of cases are being sent to the State Registries with a blank pM field when the case can be pathologically staged, this is incorrect and its causing the State Registries to have to manually do corrections on their end to derive a stage. If you enter a valid pT and valid pN, then you must enter a pM of c0 if there are no mets, do not leave that field BLANK.
pStage Group of BLANK	Beginning with cases diagnosed January 1, 2016 and later, both clinical and pathologic AJCC stage will be required for data submission to the NCDB. The requirement will be enforced via edits; thus, this field cannot be left blank.
cStage Group of BLANK	Beginning with cases diagnosed January 1, 2016 and later, both clinical and pathologic AJCC stage will be required for data submission to the NCDB. The requirement will be enforced via edits; thus, this field cannot be left blank.
pTX pNX pM equal BLANK or c0 and Surgery Code of 00	If the patient did not have Surgery and there is no Pathologic mets, why is there a pTX and pNX, doesn't make sense, please review.
pTX pNX pM c1, c1A, c1B, c1C, c1D and Surgery Code of 00	If the patient did not have surgery, why are there X in the pT and pN fields when there is only evidence of clinical mets. (Thinking all the pT pN and pM fields should be BLANK if the case cannot be pathologically staged.)
pT BLANK pN BLANK pM pM c1, c1A, c1B, c1C, c1D	If you left the pT and pN blank it means the patient did not meet the rules for pathologic classification, then why did you fill the pM field with only evidence of Clinical mets?

What I found after reviewing several registries data; is over 30% of the cases evaluated had very questionable staging coded, so there is an opportunity for learning and growth in this area of abstracting. One of the biggest areas of confusion still seems to be when to code an X versus a Blank, so much time and energy has been spent trying to teach and learn this topic, but alas it still seems to escape many a registrar, so we need to continue to be diligent with our pursuit of knowledge on this topic.

- Visit the AJCC website for Registrar Education
<https://cancerstaging.org/CSE/Registrar/Pages/default.aspx>
- Attend the FCRA Annual Education Conference
https://www.fcra.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=38&Itemid=138
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**PAT BENTLEY
1981**



**SALLY KRUSE
1984**

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR DUTIES PAT BENTLEY, CTR & SALLY KRUSE CTR

Pat Bentley (Founding member of FTRA 1978 and President in 1981 – FCRA Distinguished Member) attended her first FTRA meeting in 1975, and became a board member the next year, before FTRA was established. She has remained a board member throughout the years, except for three years. Pat served as Program Chair or Co-chair for numerous annual and regional meetings and helped plan the first Professional Review Course/Beginner Registrar Courses. She was one of the Editors of the Professional Review for Tumor Registrars Textbook. Pat also served on the NCRA and DOD (Department of Defense) Boards.

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Pat and Sally are retired, but due to their love for FCRA continued to volunteer as co-chairs of membership for the last two years. Next year they will no longer be on the FCRA Board.

The last two years as membership chairs were spent on fixing a software glitch that caused the membership files to be corrupt. Countless hours were dedicated to reviewing the membership list and the status of the members. Due to the fact, the dues were not being recorded accurately, several members were granted an amnesty on unpaid dues if they paid the current dues by October 31st. Those members who paid after October 31st were charged a \$ 10 late fee, but this fee was waived if they paid for two years.

Now the good news, the new software is tracking the status of the members and their dues. Pat and Alan (Pat's husband was recruited), have written a step by step policies and procedures manual for future membership chairs. The membership roster is available on the FCRA Web Page (special login) and is on an Excel Spreadsheet that can easily be downloaded to your computer for revisions. The members are automatically e-mailed a reminder when their dues are up or if they are delinquent.

Below is a list of duties of the membership chair.

1. Keep the Membership Roster up to date.
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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

PAT BENTLEY, CTR & SALLY KRUSE, CTR – CHAIRPERSONS

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The FCRA membership roster is now up-to-date. The roster was manually reviewed by Pat and confirmed by the software.

As of March 11, 2017, FCRA has 115 Active members, which include: 4 Associate Members - 4 New CTRs (complimentary) and 11 Honorary.

Remember, you must be an active FCRA member to receive a discount on the registration fee for the FCRA Annual Education Conference. We also noticed that some members need to update their profiles on the FCRA web page <https://www.fcra.org>. Please check out your profile found under - **Member Menu**, then choose **Your User Profile** to update. We use e-mail to contact the membership using Web Blast with breaking information or to let them know of upcoming events. To insure you are included, it is very important to keep your information current and make sure your employer, e-mail and phone number are correct – the latter is needed in case your e-mail is returned.

BELOW ARE THE FCRA BYLAWS RELATING TO THE MEMBERSHIP

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II. MEMBERSHIP

1. All applications for membership shall be submitted in writing to the Chair of the Membership Committee.
2. After reviewing the application, the Chair shall notify the applicant of action taken within thirty (30) days of receipt.
3. Applications received and approved between June 1st and August 31st shall become effective in the ensuing fiscal year.
4. Dues shall be paid on an annual basis. They shall be due September 1st and shall be delinquent if not received within sixty (60) days after the due date.

If you have any questions or need help navigating the FCRA Web Page please e-mail Pat, or Sally and we would be happy to help you.

If you have any questions regarding membership please don’t hesitate to contact us. We will have a full report on the membership at the FCRA Annual Education Conference.



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Just "What Is" a Cancer Registrar?

Cancer registrars are passionate about quality data and committed to patients they never meet.



Cancer registrars can work in very small places with books on their laps and papers on the floor. Sometimes the office is the size of a closet!

Cancer registrars are fighting the war on cancer one patient at a time.



Cancer registrars' are conscientious and disciplined.

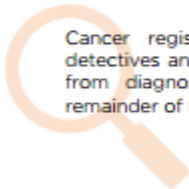
Cancer registrars can pronounce long words with ease and actually know what they mean: Thrombocytopenia, glioblastoma multiforme, oligodendroglioma, or leiomyosarcoma.

Cancer registrars know about body parts people don't even know they have!

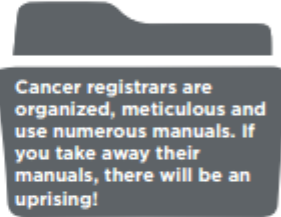


Cancer registrars can pronounce prostate correct; not pRostRate!

Cancer registrars use their creativity to create charts and graphs with shapes and colors to display their data.



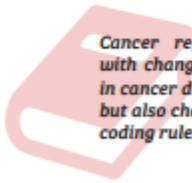
Cancer registrars often are detectives and follow patients from diagnosis through the remainder of their life.



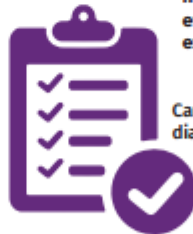
Cancer registrars' are one of the first to learn about new tests and treatments for cancer patients.



Cancer registrars network with their counterparts at other hospitals. Registrars become friends with their neighbors even if the hospitals are competitors. If they ever meet, no one ever looks like they expect.

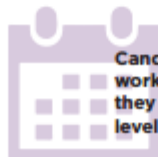
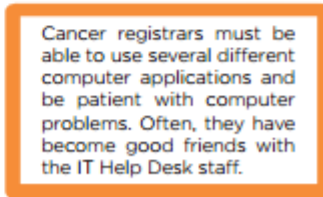


Cancer registrars are familiar with change. Change in advances in cancer diagnosis and treatment but also changes in standards and coding rules.



Cancer Registrars are required to know all of the diagnostic tests and modalities of treatment for each cancer site and each stage of disease. Registrars often feel like part of the medical team because they know what is expected.

Cancer registrars can resurrect an expired patient, at least in their database. Who knew they had special powers!



Cancer registrars often have more work than can be completed but they come back the next day! Their level of commitment is profound.



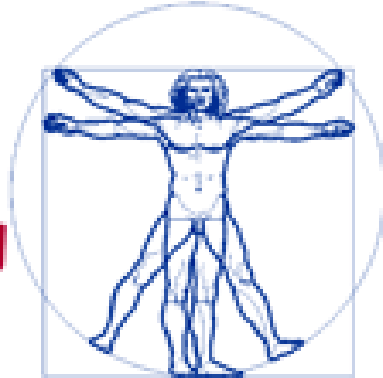
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A Magical Year: Imagine the Possibilities! SAVE THE DATE!



We look forward to seeing you at the 39th Florida Cancer Registrars Association Annual Educational Conference **July 24-25, 2017** at the amazing Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort at Bonnet Creek! Join us in networking with your peers while learning about the most current topics of our profession. Consider staying a few extra days and bringing the family to enjoy the many exciting amenities located just minutes from the venue – many within walking distance or via shuttle service! What will it be: theme parks, golf, a spa treatment, outlet shopping?

Hotel amenities include:

- Surrounded by 500 stunning woodland acres and a 10-acre lake
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 - *5 Pools
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- Access to modern technology in our business center
 - *Apple Computers, Printer, Fax and color copier
- Complimentary newspapers
- 10% off Blue Harmony Spa
- Children 5 years old and younger eat free with a paying adult in Tesoro Cove
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Click here to Register & Book your hotel-The cost of registration is \$225 for members and \$300 for non-members. All single or double rooms are \$129/night plus applicable taxes and fees.

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We'll see you there!



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Sunday 7/23/17 - Early Registration 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Monday 7/24/17 - Morning Registration 6:30 – 7:45 am

Monday July 24th

6:30 – 7:45 am	Breakfast Buffet
7:45 – 8:00 am	Welcome
8:00 – 9:00 am	"Remote Work and the CTR" <i>Brian Shimmel, Med Partners</i>
9:00 – 10:00 am	"Colorectal Cancer – Updating – Biology, Screening & Management" <i>Hank Hill, MD</i>
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 11:15 am	"Using Big Data in Real Time to Treat Cancer Patients" <i>Martine Extermann, MD</i>
11:15 – 12:15 pm	"Head & Neck Oncology" <i>Bruce H. Haughey, MBChB, MS, FRACS, FAC</i>
12:15 – 1:45 pm	Business Luncheon
1:45 – 3:15 pm	"NAPRC and OSTRiCh Consortium" <i>John Monson, MD</i>
3:15 – 3:00 pm	Break
3:30 – 4:00 pm	"TAMIS" <i>Sam Atallah, MD</i>
4:00 – 5:00 pm	"Pancreatic Cancer" <i>Juan P. Arnoletti MD</i>
5:30 – 7:00 pm	FCRA Foundation's "Silent Auction", Hors d'oeuvres & "Social Networking"

Tuesday, July 25th

6:30 – 8:00 am	Breakfast Buffet
8:00 – 9:00 am	"AJCC 8th Edition – Major Changes" <i>Naim Fanaian, MD – Florida Hospital Pathology</i>
9:00 – 10:00 am	"Techniques in Summary Staging" <i>Dianne Cleveland, RHIT, CTR</i>
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 – 11:00 am	"Experts in Radiation Oncology" <i>Debra Freeman, MD</i>
11:00 – 12:00 pm	"TNM Staging - Part – 1" <i>April Fritz, RHIT, CTR / Steve Peace BS, CTR</i>
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch – On your own
-----	Member Appreciation
1:00 – 2:00 pm	"TNM Staging - Part – 2" <i>April Fritz, RHIT, CTR / Steve Peace BS, CTR</i>
2:00 – 3:00 pm	"2018 Changes to Cancer Registry Standards" <i>Steve Peace, BS, CTR</i>
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 – 4:00 pm	"Hey, Who Moved my Cheeze?" <i>Joyce Allan, MPH, CTR</i>

Objectives

FCRA Conference Participants will be able to:

- Provide information about current trends in the detection and treatment of cancer
- Recognize the changes in the Cancer Registry profession
- Enhance the role of the Cancer Registrar in the hospital cancer program
- Identify the components and services of the cancer program

Reservations & Directions

**Wyndham Grand Orlando Resort
Bonnet Creek**
14651 Chelonia Parkway
Orlando, Florida 32821
(407) 390-2300 / FCRA Group

Online Hotel Reservations:

<http://tinyurl.com/jt8chfj>

(Or scan the image to the right)



All standard rooms, single / double, are \$129.00 a night plus applicable taxes and fees

To ensure availability, rooms must be reserved by June 26, 2017


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The Florida Cancer Registrars Association was officially established in 1978 with a common goal of skilled personnel to manage high quality Registries. We strive to keep our profession current on state and other national standards affecting registries and the cancer patient.

	<p>Visit the FCRA website at www.fcra.org for more information</p>
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Registration Deadline: July 15, 2017

Registration Fee:

(Includes Breakfast Buffet and Business Luncheon)

FCRA Member _____ @ \$225.00 = \$ _____
Non-Member _____ @ \$300.00 = \$ _____
F/T HIM Student _____ @ \$150.00 = \$ _____

Guests:

Buffet Breakfast # _____ @ \$26.00 = \$ _____
Bus. Lunch # _____ @ \$35.00 = \$ _____

Total: = \$ _____

REGISTER ONLINE at www.fcra.org or you may
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