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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The holidays – Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa....

It's that time again, when we marched swiftly to the end of the year, giving it a final push, and then dance eagerly into the New Year. The singing of our favorite Christmas songs, the dancing, the festivities, the laughter, the gifts, the lights, and the two-days of Florida winter when we get to wear high boots - Such **MAGIC!!**

I especially enjoy this time of year because in my mind I think I am a *Sensational Artist*. My husband is **not** a fan of my musical skills and often offers to pay me generously to **stop** singing. Little did he know that I saw that as an opportunity to pick up some extra Holiday spending money. I sing all day, every day, two shows in the evenings and a trifecta on the weekends. The window is narrow, so I must make the best of my cash-out while the season last. I have much needed shopping to do.

In the new year, we will march, **not so eagerly**, into a myriad of changes in the cancer registry. Challenges and frustration will also come with some of these changes, but it's all a part of our journey as **Cancer Registrars**. Here are some of the changes for 2018:

• 2018 - A Year for Major Changes to Data Standards	• New Radiation Therapy Treatment Data Items
• Required Training for New/Updated Rules, Manuals, Software	• 2018 ICD-O-3 Code & Behavior Updates
• 2018 Compliant Software for All Reporting Entities	• Updates for 2018 Casefinding List
• New CDC/NPCR Data Collection Requirements	• Updates to Reportable Cancers List
• New FCDS Data Collection Requirements	• Many New Staging Data Items
• New CoC Data Collection Requirements	• 2018 Solid Tumor Rules & Database
• New STORE Manual replaces FORDS Manual	• 2018 Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasms Rules & Database
• New Site-Specific Data Items (SSDI) and Manual <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Required for Staging ○ Prognostic Factors 	• Cancer Staging Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AJCC 8th ed. Implementation ○ SEER EOD 2018 ○ SS2018
• New FCDS DAM replaces previous DAM	• New EDITS v18
Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) replaces SSN for CMS Billing	

For all this and more reasons, ALL Registrars are encouraged to attend the 2018 FCRA Annual Meeting and the FCDS State Meeting at the Renaissance International Plaza Hotel in Tampa. May all your dreams and expectations be fulfilled in the New Year.... Here's wishing you all- a Happy and Healthy 2018! Keep on dancing!





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NCRA News

NCRA Applauds Decision to Establish a Special SOC Code for Medical Registrars

New Code Will Vastly Improve Data Accuracy on Cancer Registrar Workforce and Salary Trends

NCRA applauds the Bureau of Labor Statistics' (BLS) recent decision to establish a distinct detailed occupation code of "**Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars**" in the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) system.

The new detailed occupation code reflects the increased use of data to improve medical treatment and care and the critical role cancer registrars play in collecting that data. The new code will also ensure that the statistics on the cancer registry workforce will be more accurate, providing a clearer understanding of the current and future workforce needs; correct salary information will help recruit and retain qualified individuals; and skill-appropriate personnel will be hired to fill cancer registrar positions at both the central and hospital levels. **Press release.**

NEW SOC CODE

29-9021: Health Information Technologists and Medical Registrars

"Apply knowledge of healthcare and information systems to assist in the design, development, and continued modification and analysis of computerized healthcare systems. Abstract, collect, and analyze treatment and follow-up information of patients. May educate staff and assist in problem solving to promote the implementation of the healthcare information system. May design, develop, test, and implement databases with complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status to help monitor diseases."

Illustrative examples: Cancer Registrar, Health Informatics Specialist, Health Information Analyst



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FCRA EDUCATION FOUNDATION LIAISON

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The FCRA Education Foundation would like to wish you all very happy and healthy holiday season. Sometimes we would like to give a gift to someone, but just don't know what they might appreciate. Please consider the FCRA Education Foundation as a way of remembering your friends and family. The monies donated, go toward the education of cancer registrars and is a tax-deductible donation for you. Also, remember if you make purchases through Amazon, please use Amazon smile and select the FCRA Education foundation to receive a donation.

Another way to participate is donating your new or gently used items to the Foundation auction which will be held at the 2018 FCRA annual meeting.

We wish you all a wonderful 2018 and may we continue learning and adapting to the many changes that face registrars in the future.

For additional information, assistance or helpful information on identifying donations, call or email Gayle G. Clutter at 727-954-6221 or glutter@tampabay.rr.com

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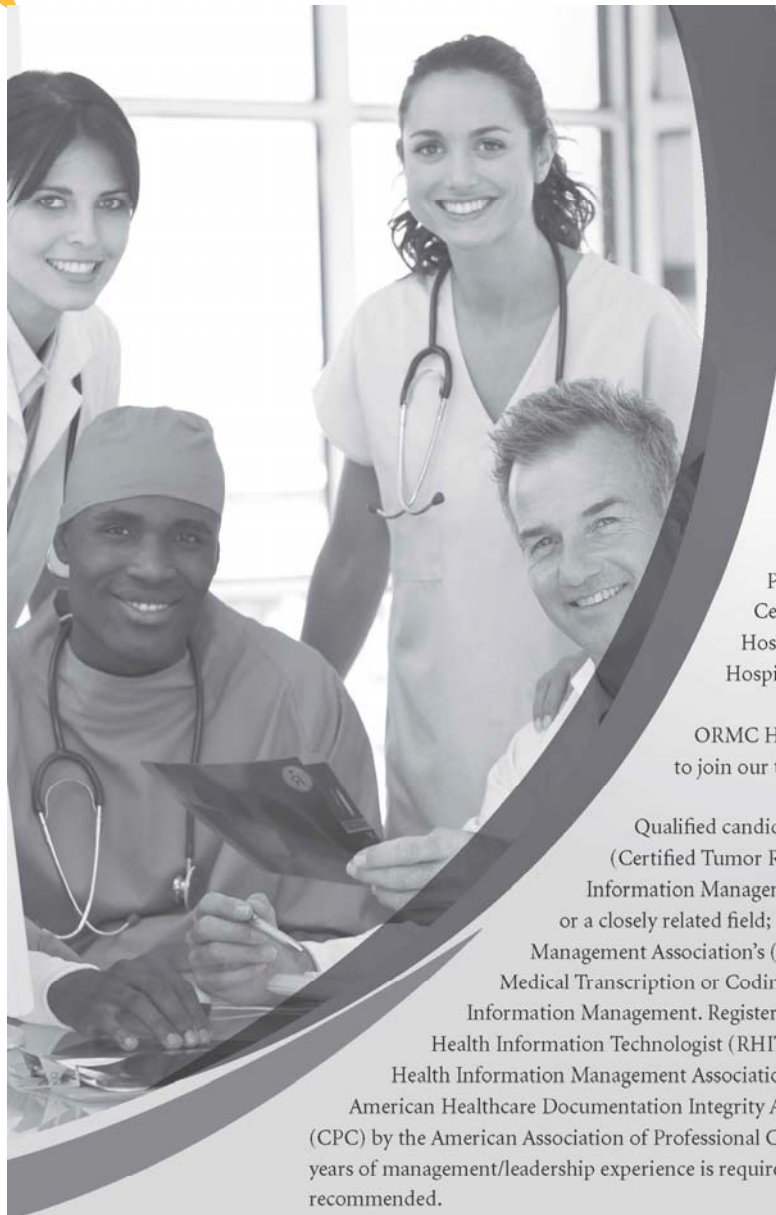
WELCOME NEW FLORIDA CTRs

The CTR exam was taken by candidates at testing centers during the 2017 Spring & Fall testing windows. The candidates below are from Florida, they passed the exam and formally became Certified Tumor Registrars. FCRA proudly congratulates all new CTRs!

- Colton Brown, Jacksonville**
- Holly R. Brown, Panama City**
- Kimberly Castaneda, Bradenton**
- Jeanne Davis, Jacksonville**
- Aymara De la Rua Fernandez, Miami**
- Elizabeth Herrera, Tampa**
- Megan Hoffmann, Temple**
- Joyce Jones Pic, Tampa**
- Angela Straughn, Pensacola**



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ORMC HIM Cancer program is seeking an **Operations Manager** to join our team.

Qualified candidates must meet the following requirements: CTR (Certified Tumor Registrar) preferred, Bachelor’s degree in Health Information Management (HIM), Business, Healthcare Administration or a closely related field; or completion of the American Health Information Management Association’s (AHIMA) Independent Study program, or an approved Medical Transcription or Coding Program or two years of college courses in Health Information Management. Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA) Registered Health Information Technologist (RHIT), Certified Coding Specialist (CCS) by the American Health Information Management Association or Certified Medical Transcriptionist (CMT) by the American Healthcare Documentation Integrity Association (AHDI) or Certified Professional Coder (CPC) by the American Association of Professional Coders is required – renewed every two years. One (1) years of management/leadership experience is required. Experience in management of a cancer registry is recommended.

For more information or immediate consideration visit us online at orlandohealth.com/jobs-ormc (Job ID# 110007).

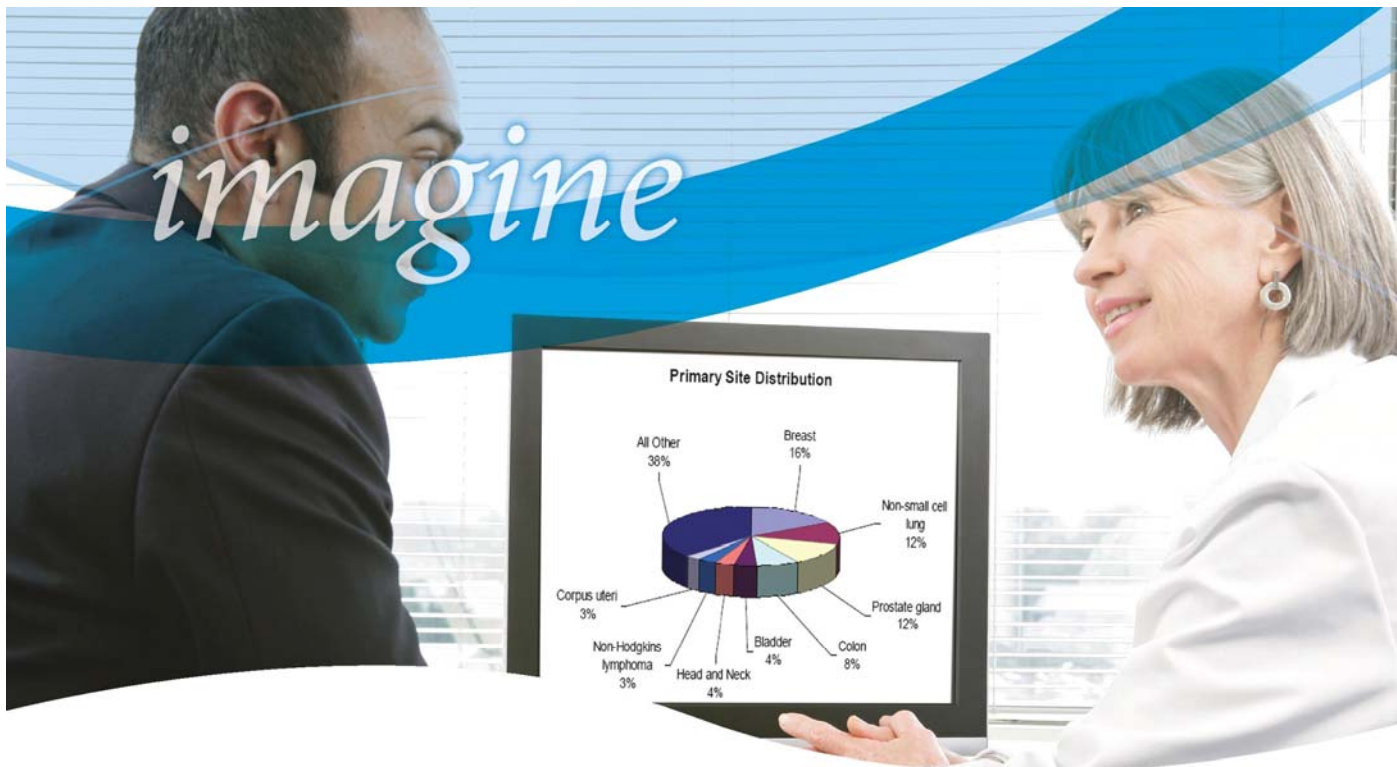
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Just "What Is" a Cancer Registrar?

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.

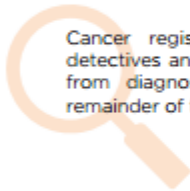
Cancer registrars know about body parts people don't even know they have!

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



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.

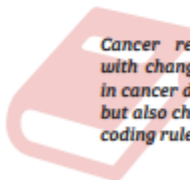


Cancer registrars are organized, meticulous and use numerous manuals. If you take away their manuals, there will be an uprising!

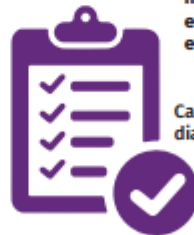
Cancer registrars' are one of the first to learn about new tests and treatments for cancer patients.



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.

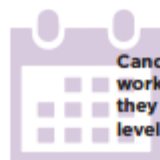
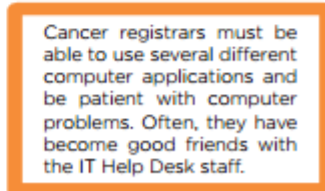


Cancer registrars are familiar with change. Change in advances in cancer diagnosis and treatment but also changes in standards and coding rules.



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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