

Michigan Cancer Surveillance Program

January 2009 Update

CDC Audit ~

The Michigan Cancer Surveillance Program (MCSP) in collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) will be conducting an independent audit of the MCSP. The cooperative agreement that MCSP has with NPCR, mandates that at least once every 5 years, states who received NPCR funding (under the auspices of the Public Law 102-515) are required to participate in a "Data Completeness and Quality Audit" (DCQA) of **all reportable neoplasms**. The audit will be performed on all reportable neoplasms diagnosed during 2006 in Michigan. The audit encompasses an evaluation of central cancer registry cases for completeness and data quality. Nine (9) hospitals in Michigan will be chosen and the selection process will be random, using sampling techniques. Reviewers will perform reabstracting activities to assess data quality and casefinding to verify the completeness of reporting of all reportable cases.

The CDC/NPCR program will be utilizing a contractor to perform the audit process. The contractor chosen for this task through a competitive bid process was Macro International, Inc. The contract was awarded on September 18, 2006, is a five-year contract. This is the eighth year Macro International, Inc. has been performing audits under CDC/NPCR's direction.

The MCSP views this audit as an essential activity evaluating data for high quality, completeness, and timeliness. Michigan law requires the MCSP to collect complete, accurate, and current information regarding cancer cases diagnosed in the State. Because the Michigan law and regulations mandate cancer reporting, entities covered under the HIPAA provisions may disclose protected health information to MCSP without individual informed consent of each patient. This project is one way in which we can assess the completeness and quality of the data in the MCSP. Macro International, Inc. has signed a confidentiality agreement with MCSP and works under the umbrella of the Michigan cancer reporting law.

MCSP values the opportunity to participate in this review. If your facility is chosen for the audit you will be notified by the end of **February**. Your field representative will accompany Macro International, Inc during the audit to ensure smooth communication and assist with any questions. We would like to thank you in advance for your participation. Let's make it a great audit!

CIN III Training ~

The MCSP will be offering a webinar to assist with the collection and reporting of CIN III. The dates for the webinar will be January 27th and February 12th from 10:00am to 12:00pm. Save the dates so you will be able to participate! Further information to follow.

CIN III Study ~

In the April 2008 Update, you were informed of a collaboration between the Michigan Cancer Surveillance Program and the Center for Disease Control, to monitor the impact of the

prophylactic HPV vaccine on HPV types in cervical and other HPV associated cancers. There are two separate studies being conducted.

The CIN III study deals with demonstrating the feasibility of conducting surveillance on precancerous cervical lesions. Beginning September 1, 2008, reporting facilities will be asked to collect and report diagnoses of cervical carcinoma in situ, CIN III as well as 'severe dysplasia' to the cancer surveillance program. Copies of the pathology report will need to be sent for these cases along with a full abstract of the case. This collection will begin with cases diagnosed July 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009.

In the early part of August, everyone should have received a packet of information detailing the objective of the study and the requirements. The packet included a specific list of diagnoses and eligible terminology that is gleaned from the pathology report.

Please remember that although rapid case ascertainment is not required, you are still required to submit the case within 6 months from the date of diagnosis. Because we are using this information for a special study, **please let Elaine Snyder know each month if you do not have any cases to submit.** Elaine can be reached at 517.335.8949 or snydere@michigan.gov. This will ensure accurate and complete case ascertainment.

Assessing the Burden of HPV Associated Cancers in the U.S. ~

The approval of an HPV vaccine has generated considerable interest in the incidence and trends of HPV associated cancers. The need to monitor the impact of these new HPV vaccines is driving interest in making cervical carcinoma in situ and CIN III lesions reportable nationwide. To view the article in full visit <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/fulltext/121499068/PDFSTART>

In addition, a special supplementary edition of the journal *Cancer* discusses the several cancer sites that are believed to be associated with the HPV infection. Michigan data was the focus of a specific article on cervical cancer in situ, as Michigan is currently the only state with continuous surveillance of these lesions. Due to the faithful reporting of these lesions by Michigan facilities, an understanding of the frequency and trends in pre-invasive cervical lesions is possible. While invasive cervical lesions are declining in rate, pre-invasive lesions are rising, especially among women under the age of 30. This points to a considerable beneficial impact of the vaccine and provides a baseline for monitoring vaccine effects into the future. To view the article in full visit <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/fulltext/121498435/PDFSTART>.

Thanks for supporting the Michigan effort!

Educational Opportunities ~

CTR Exam Prep Workshop February 7-8, 2009 in Baltimore, Maryland.

This special **two-day** workshop by instructors Donna Gress, RHIT, CTR and Louise Schuman, MA, CTR is designed to prepare candidates for the Certified Tumor Registrars Exam (CTR Exam). This panel of knowledgeable and experienced instructors has developed an agenda that provides comprehensive and thorough review of all exam topics, including the new multiple primary and histology rules, as well as designated time throughout the program to address attendees' questions and concerns.

CTR Exam Readiness Webinar Series

These special webinars moderated by CTR exam prep instructors Donna Gress, RHIT, CTR and Louise Schuman, MA, CTR, are designed to give candidates for the Certified Tumor Registrars Credentialing Exam (CTR Exam) important information to help prepare for the exam day. Delivered via your computer desktop, these webinars are designed to boost exam candidate's knowledge in computers and statistics as well provide essential exam taking tips.

Webinar 1 – Computers: February 12, 2009

Learn basic computer terminology, gain an understanding of the many components of a computer and learn about the different types of hardware and software associated with computers.

Webinar 2 – Statistics: February 19, 2009

Provides an overview of descriptive statistics, measures, variance, frequency and graph types. Also presented will be an overview of descriptive epidemiology rates, various survival calculation methods and graphs and gain a better understanding of analytic epidemiology cohort cases and case control studies.

Webinar 3 – CTR Exam Tips: February 26, 2009

Gives the essential tips to help you prepare and study for the exam. Provides you with an overview of the exam content weighting and provide details on registering for the exam and scheduling your exam location.

Advanced Quality Abstracting - 5 part Webinar Series

This is a brand new cutting edge program developed by NCRA's Advanced Education Committee led by Herman Menck and taught by some of the industry's leading trainers! This series is aimed at understanding and addressing complex coding issues to reduce discrepancies in collaborative and TNM staging and multiple primary and histology coding. This webinar series will cover the breast, brain, lymphomas & hematopoietics, oral cavity and lung. This is an advanced series based on data compiled from IACoS/COC I&R, SING, NPCR Train the Trainer seminars, and state inquiry systems that goes well beyond the basics. This is a quality education program that you can access from the convenience of your own desktop, LIVE! Each webinar will last 90 minutes and end with a live Q&A session.

October 22, 2008-Advanced Quality Abstracting of **Breast**

December 18, 2008-Advanced Quality Abstracting of **Brain**

January 22, 2009-Advanced Quality Abstracting of **Lymphomas & Hematopoietics**

March 19, 2009-Advanced Quality Abstracting for **Oral Cavity**

May 14, 2009-Advanced Quality Abstracting for **Lung**

Cyber Cancer Registry

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Program for Cancer Registries (NPCR) and NCRA are collaborating in a project to develop a web-based system to assist in the education of current and future cancer registrars. This Cyber Cancer Registry will consist of modules to provide hands-on training in core aspects of cancer registration for hospital-based registrars, central registry personnel, and cancer information management students. This will include modules in casefinding, abstracting, and follow-up.

In practice, these modules can be used to enhance the education of newly trained cancer registrars and can potentially serve to satisfy part of the clinical practicum for NCRA-approved formal education programs.

Each module will give immediate feedback to the student, track the training hours and provide a certificate of completion for each component successfully finished. The Cyber Cancer Registry will be built upon actual medical records, which will be used in all aspects of education. The initial phase in the development of the Cyber Cancer Registry will focus on hematopoietic primaries. Other primary sites may be requested in the future. Your assistance is requested by providing copies of pertinent information from the medical record. Information provided will be used to simulate casefinding and abstracting activities.

For more information on the above educational opportunities through the National Cancer Registrars Association, visit <http://www.ncra-usa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3281>

Save the Date ~

We will be conducting workshops on General Cancer Reporting and Multiple Primary and Histology Rules during the new year. We have not determined which topic coincides with the following dates, but you may want to keep these dates in mind!

March 11, 12, 13/18, 19, 20
May 20, 21, 22
June 3, 4, 5

August 19, 20, 21
September 16, 17, 18
November 11, 12, 13

MCSP Staff ~

If you have any questions regarding cancer reporting or would like more information about in-services, please feel free to give one of us a call. In addition, if you are unable to download any of the materials listed throughout the *Update*, do not hesitate to contact us; we would be more than happy to send you copies.

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