

*Fellow Registrars,*

*Happy New Year! I am glad to have 2020 in the rear-view mirror. Let's continue to apply the creativity and resilience we developed in 2020 as we meet whatever challenges and opportunities the new year brings!*

## **DUE DATES**

To be on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) typically would be expected to have abstracted June 2020 diagnosis cases by January 15. Smaller facilities (<300 cases /yr.) would be expected to report the 2nd Quarter of 2020 by January 15. Mid-year delinquency letters will be based on submissions as of January 15.

## **EDUCATION**

### **MCR Help-Line**

Reach us at 1-800-392-2829 during regular office hours, or leave a message; a member of our QA team will return your call within one business day.

### **FLccSC-New Courses Available!**

Earn 2 CEs

Florida Education Webcast Series -12/17/2020 - Oral Cavity, Oropharynx and Salivary Gland

Tumors

Earn 3 CEs

NAACCR Webinar-Thyroid 2020-Dec. 2020

Register for FLccSC [https://mos.fcslms.med.miami.edu/ords/f?p=105:LOGIN\\_DESKTOP](https://mos.fcslms.med.miami.edu/ords/f?p=105:LOGIN_DESKTOP)

## **MCR NEWS**

### **Phone Number**

MCR is exploring a new phone system with a main number and extensions to reach individual staff. Watch for a separate mailing with details if this system goes live before our next Monthly Update. We do expect to maintain the separate QA Helpline as it currently exists at 800-392-2829.

### **Office Move**

We were busy in December packing and moving our MU offices to a condensed temporary office while we are all telecommuting. Our computers and files are in a secure new "hoteling space" (modern concept!) on the MU campus so that we can remote in daily and visit to access files if necessary. Our phones there still forward voicemail to our email. Please continue to address any postal mail to our Post Office Box (listed below in my signature). Our staff anticipate being reunited in a new office location on campus when the pandemic winds down.

## **NEWS FROM THE STANDARD SETTERS**

### **SEER**

#### Solid Tumor Rules: December 2020 Update

We continue to review the current solid tumor rules and have updated them based on questions and feedback we have received. We have consulted with specialty matter experts to provide clarification of histology coding rules. ICD-0-3.2 changes have also been added to applicable site modules. Most changes are minor: terminology, additional definitions, new notes and examples. In order to clarify histology coding instructions, new rules have been added and histology tables updated. These updates

do not require review of already abstracted cases. The December 2020 rules replace the current rules and should be used now. We strongly recommend you read the December 2020 Change Log to understand what changes were made.

The updated Solid Tumor Rules may be accessed at: <https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/>

## REGISTRY TO RESEARCH

Racial Disparities in Recurrence and Overall Survival in Locoregional Colorectal Cancer (NCDB data)

<https://academic.oup.com/jnci/advance-article/doi/10.1093/jnci/djaa182/5999805>

Clinical characteristics and outcomes among 2347 patients aged  $\geq 85$  years with major lymphoma subtypes: a Nordic Lymphoma Group study (Swedish Cancer Registry data)

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/bjh.17250>

Association of First Primary Cancer With Risk of Subsequent Primary Cancer Among Survivors of Adult-Onset Cancers in the United States (SEER data)

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2774406>

U.S. Cancer Statistics Data Brief: Male Urologic Cancers

<https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/uscs/about/data-briefs/no21-male-urologic-cancers.htm>

Community Health Behaviors and Geographic Variation in Early-Onset Colorectal Cancer Survival Among Women (SEER data)

[https://journals.lww.com/ctg/Fulltext/2020/12000/Community\\_Health\\_Behaviors\\_and\\_Geographic.5.aspx](https://journals.lww.com/ctg/Fulltext/2020/12000/Community_Health_Behaviors_and_Geographic.5.aspx)

Anal Cancer on the Rise in U.S., Especially in Women (SEER data)

<https://www.medpagetoday.com/meetingcoverage/acg/89322>

## RESOURCES AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

BCG Shortage and Changing Treatment Patterns for Non-Muscle-Invasive Bladder Cancer

[https://www.practiceupdate.com/c/107297/2/1/?elsca1=emc\\_eneews\\_daily-digest&elsca2=email&elsca3=practiceupdate\\_onc&elsca4=oncology&elsca5=newsletter&rid=NTU2MjE4MTE1NjYS1&lid=20844069](https://www.practiceupdate.com/c/107297/2/1/?elsca1=emc_eneews_daily-digest&elsca2=email&elsca3=practiceupdate_onc&elsca4=oncology&elsca5=newsletter&rid=NTU2MjE4MTE1NjYS1&lid=20844069)

Race, Decisional Regret and Prostate Cancer Beliefs: Identifying Targets to Reduce Racial Disparities in Prostate Cancer

<https://www.auajournals.org/doi/10.1097/JU.0000000000001385>

Analyses of Risk, Racial Disparity, and Outcomes Among US Patients With Cancer and COVID-19 Infection

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaoncology/fullarticle/2773500>

Mortality due to cancer treatment delay: systematic review and meta-analysis

<https://www.bmj.com/content/371/bmj.m4087.abstract>

Head and neck cancer surgery during the COVID - 19 pandemic: An international, multicenter, observational cohort study

<https://acsjournals.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cncr.33320>

Effectiveness of Integrated Palliative and Oncology Care for Patients With Acute Myeloid Leukemia  
<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamaoncology/fullarticle/2773838>

*Together, our work has meaning*