

Facts about the Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center:

Who is required to report cancer cases?

Health care facilities, including hospitals, pathology laboratories, ambulatory surgery centers, free standing cancer clinics and treatment centers, long-term care facilities and physician offices, are required by law to provide basic information about cancer cases diagnosed and/or treated in Missouri to the Missouri Cancer Registry (192.650-192.657 RSMo).

How is confidentiality handled?

The Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center maintains strict confidentiality. According to HIPAA privacy regulations, the MCR-ARC is a public health authority authorized by law to collect and receive information for the purpose of preventing and controlling disease, injury or disability.

A covered entity such as a hospital or physician's office can disclose information to the MCR-ARC without specific individual informed consent. However, the identities of patients or specific facilities/physicians are not released by the MCR-ARC without written consent from the individual or facility/physician.

Without greater involvement of non-hospital sources, case completeness and data quality will suffer

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Improving Quality of Race and Ethnicity Data Reporting in Missouri

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Collecting Race and Ethnicity Data in Missouri

To achieve meaningful use through the use of electronic health records (EHRs), certain guidelines set forth by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for race and ethnicity must be followed.

With the help of software vendors, the Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center (MCR-ARC), in collaboration with the Missouri Health Information Technology (MO HIT) Assistance Center, are working together to ensure that OMB categories are included in EHRs.

In compliance with meaningful use and the implementation of EHRs within your practice, we need your help to ensure that race and ethnicity data are being collected and entered correctly into the EHR for import into Missouri's central registry database.

To assist you in reporting cancer data, MCR-ARC will:

- Collaborate with the MO HIT Assistance Center to ensure that standard race and ethnicity variables are included in vendor software
- Survey healthcare organizations regarding methods for collecting and reporting race and ethnicity data
- Provide training to healthcare organizations on collecting and reporting of race and ethnicity information
- Perform audits of reporting facilities for race and ethnicity data reporting in accordance with requirements of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR)
- Use information from audits to report back to facilities on the quality of their race and ethnicity data

Care will be taken to ensure that integration efforts comply with legal and regulatory requirements for the protection of patient privacy

Data collected by MCR-ARC are used to:

- Study the burden of cancer in Missouri populations
- Conduct epidemiological and clinical research studies
- Look at trends in cancer incidence by stage at diagnosis, age, race/ethnicity, etc.
- Disseminate information for planning and early detection programs
- Respond to state and local questions and concerns about cancer
- Provide information to legislators, health professionals and the public

