**Missouri Cancer Registry**

January 2025

*Fellow Registrars,*

*Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful holiday season!*

*January is Cervical Cancer Awareness month. The attached on-pager provides cancer stats for cervical cancer in Missouri.*



DUE DATES

To be on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) typically would be expected to have abstracted July 2024 diagnosis cases by January 15, 2025. Smaller facilities (<300 cases /yr.) are expected to report the 2nd Quarter of 2024 by January 15, 2025.

EDUCATION

**MCR Helpline**

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.

**NAACCR Webinars:**

**NAACCR Webinars are now available on the MCR website** at [**https://cancerregistry.missouri.edu/education/educational-webinars-and-recordings/**](https://cancerregistry.missouri.edu/education/educational-webinars-and-recordings/)Contact Lucinda Ham at [lahf5p@health.missouri.edu](mailto:lahf5p@health.missouri.edu) for the password. After gaining access to the webinars, click on the file folder for the month. The webinar materials are readily accessible.

**NAACCR Webinar: Hematopoietic 2024/2025 Part 2**

**January 9, 2025,** 8-11 a.m. This webinar we will focus on the hematopoietic manual and database. Examples, quizzes and case scenarios are included. **To attend the live broadcast in Columbia, Mo,** sign up here:[**https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4BA9A823A6FB6-54086828-naaccr**](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4BA9A823A6FB6-54086828-naaccr)

**SEER Educate**

**Winter Update**

If you couldn’t attend the latest SEER workshop, the recorded sessions of the 2024 SEER Advanced Topics for Registry Professionals Workshop held in September are available on NCRA’s Cancer Registry Education website. Click the link www.cancerregistryeducation.org/SEER (or copy into your browser). Scroll down the page to the SEER Workshop Encore

Sessions. Find “2024 Workshop: SEER Advanced Topics for Registry Professionals” activity and click on “Add to Cart” button.

There are three training modules for those preparing to sit for the Oncology Data Specialist (ODS) exam in 2025:

• Coc Standards (150 questions)

• Synoptic Reporting Standards (30 questions)

• Quality Initiatives Standards (20 questions)

In addition, for new and experienced registrar professionals looking for Category A coding practice CEs, the following new module is available:

• Dx 2024 Histology for CEs (100 cases)

Log in or sign up at SEER\*Educate today by visiting [**https://educate.fredhutch.org/**](https://educate.fredhutch.org/)and Learn by Doing!

NEW MCR COURSE CATALOG

**MCR now has its own course catalog. Scan the QR code to access available courses or click on the** [**https://umsystem-mcr.catalog.instructure.com/**](https://umsystem-mcr.catalog.instructure.com/) **MCR plans to add more courses to the catalog over the next few months.**

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**Fundamentals of Abstracting Course Now Available**

Fundamentals of Abstracting QR Code
The Missouri Cancer Registry is offering this online course for new abstractors who are not familiar with abstracting cancer cases. This course is a fantastic way to learn the basics of cancer abstraction. The course contains ten modules which follow the Missouri Cancer Registry Abstract Code Manual. When you have completed the modules, five practice cases can be taken to assess your knowledge. Keep in mind that cancer abstraction and coding rules are constantly changing. This course will direct you to the necessary resources used daily by cancer registrars. The fee for the course is $50. A certificate will be available at the end of the course. The course will remain open for 90 days. Contact Lucinda Ham at [**lahf5p@health.missouri.edu**](mailto:lahf5p@health.missouri.edu) with any questions. The direct link to register for this course is[**https://umsystem-mcr.catalog.instructure.com/courses/mcr-fundamentals-of-abstracting**](https://umsystem-mcr.catalog.instructure.com/courses/mcr-fundamentals-of-abstracting)

**MOODS Study Guide**

The study guide is designed to cover, in summary form, the major content areas of the Certification Examination for Tumor Registrars. It is not designed to present new information, but rather to highlight areas of relevance. Users of the Missouri ODS Study Guide are not guaranteed a passing score on the examination.  Particularly, the quizzes and practice exam herein are in no way associated with the Certification Examination for Tumor Registrars offered by the National Cancer Registrars' Association. The cost of the study guide is $50. To purchase the **MOODS Study Guide**, point your smartphone camera at the QR code or CTRL click on the direct catalog link [**https://umsystem-mcr.catalog.instructure.com/courses/mcr-moodsquiz**](https://umsystem-mcr.catalog.instructure.com/courses/mcr-moodsquiz)

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**MOODS Study Guide quizzes are now available on-line via Canvas. The quizzes can be taken multiple times. If you previously purchased the MOODS Study Guide and would like to take advantage of this new feature, please email us at** [**umhshmimcr@health.missouri.edu**](mailto:umhshmimcr@health.missouri.edu)

**to get started.**

**NAACCR ODS (CTR) Exam Prep and Review Spring 2025**

The **NAACCR ODS (CTR) Exam Preparation and Review Webinar Series** offers online interactive instruction with live instructors. The course includes eight 2-hour sessions carefully prepared to reflect the changes to the 2025 ODS exam (formerly CTR Exam). A subscription is $235 per participant. Only one person may participate per subscription.

The series includes 8 weekly "live" lectures presented by experience instructors. Q&A sessions, study materials, weekly online quizzes, and a timed practice test during our last session.  If a participant is unable to attend one of the live sessions, they may view the recording at their convenience. The last day of the course is the Tuesday before the start of the exam.  **Dates of the webinars are** **January 28, 2025 – March 18, 2025.** Check the NAACCR website for additional information at[**https://education.naaccr.org/ctr**](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feducation.naaccr.org%2Fctr&data=05%7C02%7Clahf5p%40health.missouri.edu%7C3c1d4225c5354da0cde808dd242803bc%7Ce3fefdbef7e9401ba51a355e01b05a89%7C0%7C0%7C638706476681943038%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=NPfzKifAIyFKl%2F%2FrAI1sMgs7gMefIR7fgXr%2FKXWX%2B7Q%3D&reserved=0)

***MCR NEWS***

IN KIND LETTERS

We are requesting an estimate of what it will cost in the next fiscal year to comply with statutes and report data to MCR. Please respond ASAP if you have not done so already.

APHA LEADERSHIP AWARD

Congratulations to **Iris Zachary, Director of the Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center** and associate research professor with the Department of Public Health, for being recognized with the 2024 Outstanding Leadership Award by the American Public Health Association APHA Health Informatics and Information Technology HIIT. The award stems from her role as program planning chair for the Health Informatics and Information Technology section of the APHA.

Presented at the association’s annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota, this prestigious award honors Dr. Zachary’s outstanding leadership in creating a forward-focused program centered on artificial intelligence and equity within health informatics. It also demonstrates her dedication to advancing the Health Informatics and Information Technology section’s mission and commitment to excellence in health informatics.

JAIN RECEIVES DOCTORATE



Congratulations to Nishant Jain, MCR’s Database Administrator for graduating from MU on Saturday with a Doctorate degree in Health Informatics! Nishant was selected to speak as the Doctoral Commencement Marshal.

***NEWS FROM THE STANDARD SETTERS***

**NAACCR V25A Metafile**

NAACCR has identified a problem with the V25 metafile that requires an updated version. Table SUMST1809 includes all the v9 schemas used for N4900 Summary Stage 2018, Schema ID (NAACCR) and N4910 Derived Summary Stage 2018, Schema ID (SEER). The new schemas for 2025, 09090, 09350, 09360, 09370, were not added to the table. This would cause the edit mentioned above to fail any case with one of the missing schemas. A new Missouri V25A metafile has been created and posted to the NAACCR Clearinghouse.

**SOLID TUMOR RULES UPDATE – NOVEMBER 2024**

The Solid Tumor Rules have been updated for 2025 based on 5th Ed WHO Classification of Tumor books, College of American Pathologist Cancer Protocols, and review of questions and feedback from registrars.  Recommendations from Cancer PathCHART expert pathologist review have also been incorporated into the update. Minor updates include new terminology, additional definitions, notes, and examples. New M and H rules were added to select site specific modules.

The Solid Tumor Rules are revised annually to reflect new terminology, ICD-O codes, and other changes. *The most recent Solid Tumor Rules should be used as soon as it is released*. Each update contains start years for when new codes become valid and when new instructions become active. Rules and other information from previous updates carry over to every annual update.

Important Information: A comprehensive review of the current solid tumor format is underway with the goal of streamlining contents where needed and adding references such as illustrations and site-specific rule examples. Table formatting will also be revised for ease of use in the future. Minor revisions, based on initial review, have been incorporated into the 2025 solid tumor update. These revisions involved removing repetitious instructions in each module and moving them to a single location which may be in the General Instructions, M rules or H rules sections.

It is strongly recommended to review the change log to understand what changes were made. Using the 2025 rules will require you to become familiar with the General Instructions. Beginning with the 2025 Solid Tumor Update, the rules will be available in a *combined file only*. Individual site-specific modules will no longer be provided.

**The updated Solid Tumor Rules may be accessed at:** [**seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor**](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fseer.cancer.gov%2Ftools%2Fsolidtumor%2F&data=05%7C02%7Clahf5p%40health.missouri.edu%7C32fce5c316cc41f1023808dcff5f5f91%7Ce3fefdbef7e9401ba51a355e01b05a89%7C0%7C0%7C638666032295299252%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=iRhy2Iqp9p8q3GQenQraIhjECrLgDvDCi%2BkSNOBNcYc%3D&reserved=0)

**NAACCR 2025 Implementation Guidelines**

The 2025 Implementation Guidelines and Recommendations are also available on the NAACCR website at [**https://www.naaccr.org/implementation-guidelines/**](https://www.naaccr.org/implementation-guidelines/)The NAACCR Implementation Guidelines and Recommendations provide cancer registries and software vendors with a plan to assist with the implementation of the NAACCR Data Standards and Data Dictionary (DS&DD) in a timely manner. It is advised to review the new data items and changes pages so you will know what is expected in V25.

**A poster for a conference

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REGISTRY TO RESEARCH

2004 to 2021 Saw Increase in Distant-Stage Breast Cancer Incidence (SEER) <https://pubs.rsna.org/doi/10.1148/radiol.241397>

Disparity Reduction in U.S. Breast Reconstruction: An Analysis from 2005 to 2017 Using 3 Nationwide Data Sets (NCDB) <https://journals.lww.com/plasreconsurg/fulltext/2024/12000/disparity_reduction_in_u_s__breast_reconstruction_.4.aspx>

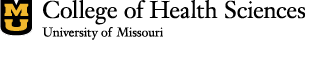
RESOURCES AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

Clinical Practice Guideline Updated for Radiation Therapy for Rectal Cancer <https://www.practicalradonc.org/article/S1879-8500(24)00304-7/fulltext>

Proposed FDA Rule Targets Asbestos in Talc Cosmetic Products <https://www.practiceupdate.com/c/173932/2/1/?elsca1=emc_enews_daily-digest&elsca2=email&elsca3=practiceupdate_onc&elsca4=oncology&elsca5=newsletter&rid=NTEyMjg3Njg4NDY0S0&lid=20844069>

Warm regards,

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| *Lucinda Ham, RHIA, ODS-C*  *Operations/QA Manager, Missouri Cancer Registry*   |  | | --- | |  |   Department of Public Health  **1095 Hospital Drive** | Columbia MO 65211  **O:**573-882-7775 | **C:**573-220-2438 **F:**573-884-9655 | **E:**[**lahf5p@health.missouri.edu**](mailto:lahf5p@health.missouri.edu) **W:** [**https://cancerregistry.missouri.edu/**](https://cancerregistry.missouri.edu/) | *“The only impossible journey is the one you never begin” – Tony Robbins* |



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