

# Missouri Cancer Registry

April 2026

*Fellow Registrars,*

*Happy National Cancer Registrar's Week! Thank you for the incredible work you do in collecting and managing cancer data which is vital for research, treatment and improved patient outcomes. We hope you take the time to celebrate your profession and successes during NCRA week!*



## Due Dates

To be on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) will be expected to have abstracted October 2025 diagnosis cases by April 15, 2026. Smaller facilities (<300 cases /yr.) will be expected to report the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2025 by April 15, 2026.

## 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/> 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. Webinar materials are accessible within a couple of weeks of presentation and available for download. **NAACCR Webinar: Boot Camp Part 2**

**Upcoming NAACCR Webinar: Treatment – Kidney, Bladder, Prostate 2026, April 2, 2026, 8-11 a.m.** This webinar will focus on coding treatment – surgery, systemic, and radiation. A sizable portion of the webinar time will be spent completing and reviewing quizzes, exercises, and case scenarios. **To attend the live broadcast *in person* at our office in Columbia, MO,** sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CACAE28A0F8C25-63159452-naacccr>

### V26 Metafile

The Missouri V26 metafile is available on the NAACCR Clearinghouse for your vendors to review. It does contain new SSDIs and a new field for documenting patient gender. <https://www.naacccr.org/standard-data-edits/#EditsClearinghouse>

### Abstracting Tip

Jeff Steffens, ODS-C shared this great abstracting tip for coding testicular cancers. First determine if the testis is descended or undescended to avoid the use of the unspecified code C62.9. Code C62.9 is being overused according to SEER Inquiry. Testicular tumors in adults are frequently detected by palpation or scrotal ultrasound. An undescended testis would be non-palpable or amenable to imaging via scrotal ultrasound. Unless it is stated the testicle is undescended, it is reasonable to code C62.1 for the primary site. Reserve C62.9 for cases with minimal or conflicting information. SEER Inquiry System Question 20140005

### Excellence in Mentoring Award



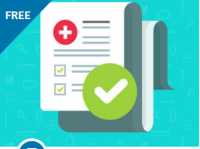
Dr. Iris Zachary received the Excellence in Mentoring Award on March 19, 2026, from the MU Institute for Data Science and Informatics. She is widely recognized for her exceptional ability to guide students and staff, encouraging innovative thinking and helping teams reach ambitious project goals.

Pictured left to right: Maryam Siefaddini, Dr. Iris Zachary, Mohammad Beheshti

## MCR Training and Online Courses

The Fundamentals of Abstracting course and MOODS Study Guide and course are updated to include the most recent changes by standard setters. Click on the following link to enroll in any of these courses.

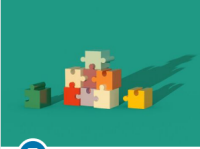
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**Abstracting for Non-Hospital and Low-Volume Cancer Reporters**

"Abstracting for Non-Hospital and Low-Volume Cancer Reporters" course focuses on the unique challenges and requirements of non-hospital cancer and low-volume hospital reporting, ensuring that data collected from...


Self-paced  
**FREE**



**FUNDAMENTALS OF ABSTRACTING | MU Non-Credit**

This class is for new abstractors who are not familiar with the abstracting process. If you are not familiar with abstracting and/or the required fields, this is a great place to start learning.

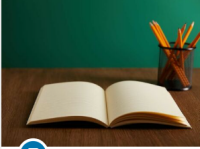
Time limit: 90 days  
**\$50**



**MCR EDUCATION ODS SHORTS**

This collection of short videos is curated to assist with comprehending key responsibilities at the Missouri Cancer Registry, along with offering abstracting tips to prepare for the Certification Examination...


Self-paced  
**FREE**



**MO Oncology Data Specialist Study Guide Course (Quizzes)**

The study guide is designed to cover, in summary form, the major content areas of the Certification Examination for Tumor Registrars.

Time limit: 365 days  
**\$50**



**Seamless Reporting to MCR | MU Non-Credit**

"Seamless Reporting to MCR: Streamlining Data Submission and Compliance" course guides participants through Missouri Cancer Registry's reporting requirements, data submission processes, and compliance...

Self-paced  
**FREE**

## Missouri Cancer Dashboards

MCR has released a new interactive Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Cancer Tracking Dashboard (1998-2022) that can be found under the Missouri Cancer Dashboards. This tool highlights trends, incidence, and mortality data specifically for Missouri residents aged 15-44.

# Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center

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## AYA Dashboard

AYA\_dashboard by Missouri Cancer Registry (MCR)

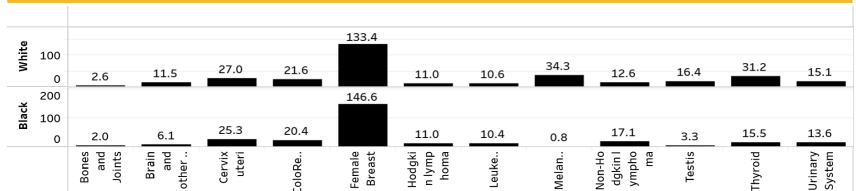
### Adolescence and Young Adult Cancer tracking Dashboard (1998-2022)

Select year: (All) | Select Age: (All) | Select Can...: (All)
 15-24 yrs
25-34 yrs
35-44 yrs

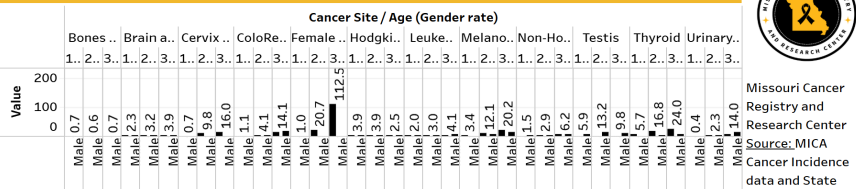
#### Rate of cancer based on Diagnosis year

Cancer Site	15-24	25-34	35-44
Bones and Joints	5.3	3.3	4.1
Brain and other nervous system	12.6	18.1	22.6
Cervix uteri	1.7	24.6	40.2
ColoRectal	5.1	22.1	71.6
Female Breast	5.1	104.3	570.4
Hodgkin lymphoma	18.9	20.8	14.6

#### Incidence Rate By Race



#### Incidence Rate By Gender



Note:

- Rate: Cancer incidence rates are annualized per 100, 1000 residents and are age-adjusted to the US 2000 std. population.
- Risk factors data is from 2023 BRFSS Data

Citation:

- Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. (n.d.). MoPHIMS Query Builder. Retrieved August 20, 2025, from <https://healthapps.dhss.mo.gov/MoPhims/QueryBuilder?abc=CIM&q=1&m=1>

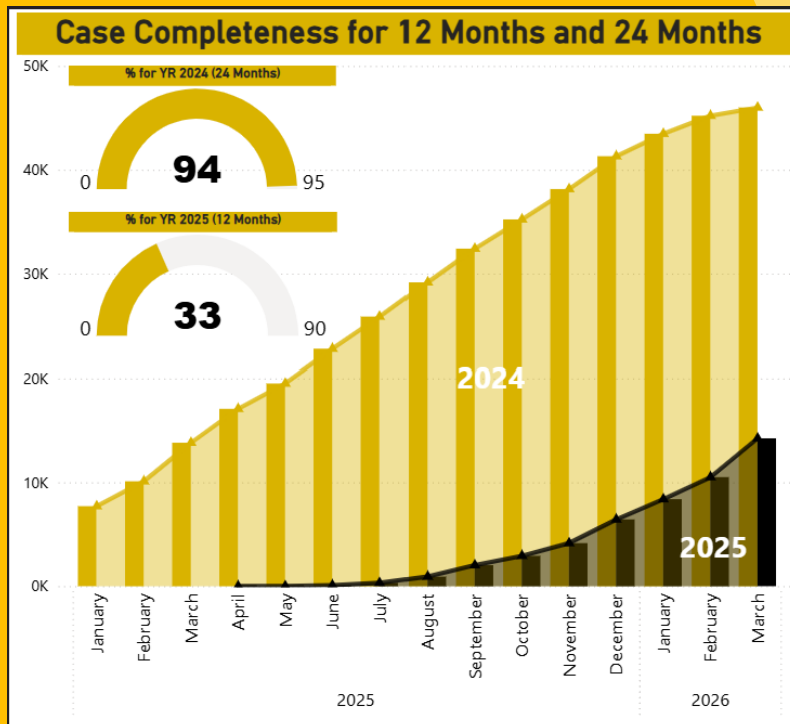


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Source: MICA Cancer Incidence data and State Cancer Profiles

## Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)

The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), 42 U.S.C. § 2210 note, is a federal law that provides partial restitution to individuals who developed certain serious illnesses following exposure to radiation from the U.S. nuclear weapons program, or their survivors. This became effective for Missouri on July 4, 2025. New claims may be filed through December 31, 2027. Please see this link for guidelines on requesting information from Missouri Cancer Registry <https://cancerregistry.missouri.edu/reca/>

## MCR CASE COMPLETENESS



MCR is now focusing on 2025 cases as we are close to 95% for 2024. If you have any questions about reporting, please contact me. This year we are also focusing on low volume facility reporting and increasing the number of audits performed.

## NEWS FROM THE STANDARD SETTERS

### SEER Educate News

Log in or sign up at SEER\*Educate today by visiting <https://educate.fredhutch.org/> and Learn by Doing! New and updated coding exercises can be found under Training, Coding – CEs. Sites include colon/Rectum, Esophagus/GE Junction, Pancreas, Gallbladder and Stomach.

SEER released CoC Multiple Choice tests for the CY 2026 ODS Exam. These are under Training, ODS Prep.

### **SEER Helpdesk closed:**

- **May 6-8 (NCRA)**
- **May 25**
- **June 19**
- **June 23-25 (NAACCR)**
- **July 3**
- **September 7**

## NAACCR

The NAACCR Data Standards, Data Dictionary v26, and 2026 Implementation Guidelines are now available on the NAACCR website. <https://www.naacr.org/>

## NCRA Conference Program Approved for 20.5 AHIMA CEUs

The NCRA Conference offers both in-person and virtual conference attendees the opportunity to satisfy the CE requirements for both AHIMA and NCRA. The conference agenda can be found here: <https://www.ncra-usa.org/Conference/2026-NCRA-Annual-Conference/2026-Conference-Information>

# NCRA Annual Educational Conference



## NCRA

### **2026 ODS Exam Prep Webinars, Practice Cases, and Practice Tests**

The seven 90-minute recorded presentations are designed to prepare candidates for the Oncology Data Specialist exam. See this website for more information. <https://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/ctr-prep-activities>

Earn the **ODS** Credential



## EXAM TESTING WINDOWS 2026

**Spring March 20-April 11, 2026**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 6, 2026

**Summer July 3-25, 2026**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: JUNE 19, 2026

**Fall October 23-November 14, 2026**

APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 7, 2026

Best,

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*Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success. – Henry Ford*

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