

# Missouri Cancer Registry

March 2026

*Fellow Registrars,*

*We are ready for Spring! Don't forget to Spring forward by moving your clocks up on Saturday evening, March 7<sup>th</sup>.*

*March is colorectal and Kidney cancer awareness month. The attached one-pagers provide statistical information for Missourians based on 2018-2022 data.*



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Cancer.pdf



Kidney and renal  
pelvis cancer.pdf



ShowMeTips V26  
Updates\_2026.pdf

## Due Dates

To be on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) will be expected to have abstracted September 2025 diagnosis cases by March 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 1**

**Upcoming NAACCR Webinar: Boot Camp, Part 2, March 12, 2026, 8-11 a.m.** This webinar contains a minimal amount of lecture. It consists of 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/10C054CACAE28A0F8C25-62588370-naaccr>

### V26 Metafile

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

## Show Me Tips

Deborah Carey, ODS-C created the attached Show Me Tip on V26 changes. We hope you find this information useful as you move into abstracting 2026 cases.

## Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA)

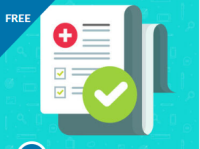




The Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA), 42 U.S.C. § 2210 note, is a federal law that provides partial restitution to individuals who developed certain serious illnesses following exposure to radiation from the U.S. nuclear weapons program, or their survivors. This became effective for Missouri 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 Training and Online Courses

**The Fundamentals of Abstracting course is updated** to include the most recent changes by standard setters. We are in the process of updating the MOODS study Guide and corresponding Canvas course. We expect to have the updates completed in early February.

We have also added additional courses to the MCR Course Catalog. Click on the following link to enroll in any of these courses.

<https://cancerregistry.missouri.edu/education/educational-webinars-and-recordings/>

 <p><b>FREE</b></p> <p>● Abstracting for Non-Hospital and Low-Volume Cancer Reporters</p> <p>"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...</p> <p>Self-paced FREE</p>	 <p><b>FREE</b></p> <p>● FUNDAMENTALS OF ABSTRACTING   MU Non-Credit</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Time limit: 90 days \$50</p>	 <p><b>FREE</b></p> <p>MCR EDUCATION ODS SHORTS</p> <p>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...</p> <p>Self-paced FREE</p>	 <p><b>FREE</b></p> <p>MO Oncology Data Specialist Study Guide Course (Quizzes)</p> <p>The study guide is designed to cover, in summary form, the major content areas of the Certification Examination for Tumor Registrars.</p> <p>Time limit: 365 days \$50</p>	 <p><b>FREE</b></p> <p>● Seamless Reporting to MCR   MU Non-Credit</p> <p>"Seamless Reporting to MCR: Streamlining Data Submission and Compliance" course guides participants through Missouri Cancer Registry's reporting requirements, data submission processes, and compliance...</p> <p>Self-paced FREE</p>
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## Missouri Cancer Dashboards

Missouri Cancer Registry recently added Missouri Health Maps to its website. The maps are located on the Missouri Cancer Dashboards page. The Missouri Health maps display 2018-2022 data. This information may be helpful to you and your facility to see cancer incidence in your area. The map of Missouri is divided into zones based on population.

# Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center

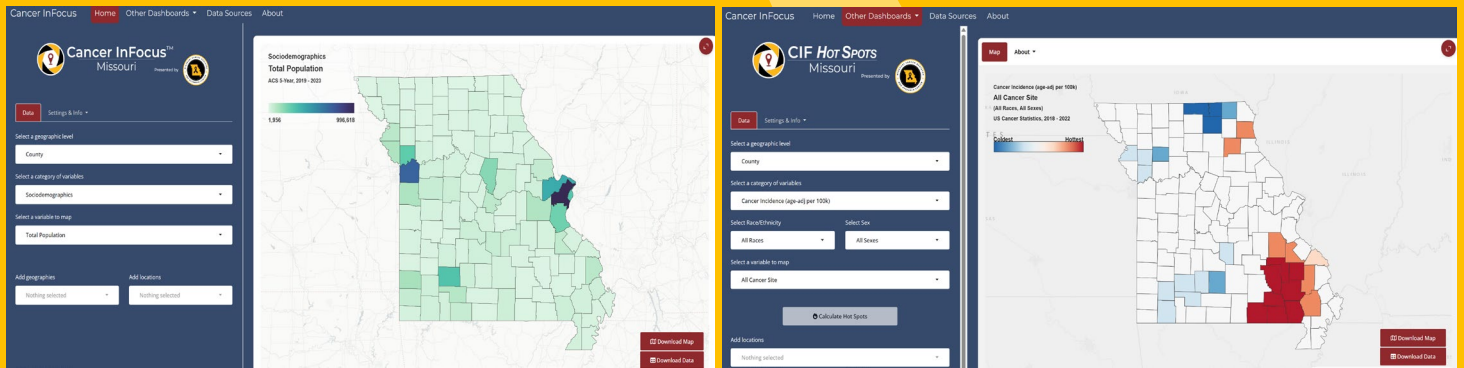
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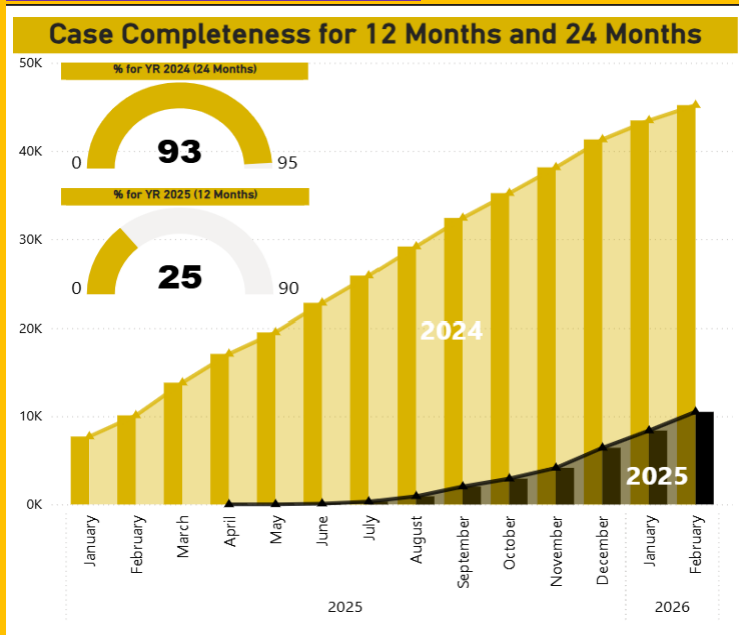
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## Cancer InFocus Maps

Cancer In Focus Maps provide a variety of information at the county level. Under Other Dashboards, select CIF Hot Spots to see which counties are potential cancer hotspots in Missouri. These are interactive maps produced in collaboration between the National Cancer Institute and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The graphs provide a geographic profile of cancer burden in Missouri and reveal sociodemographic disparities in cancer incidence, mortality, risk factors for cancer, and cancer screening, across different population subgroups. When your administration asks you for population-based data, these graphs are tools to see the incidence of cancer in your specific area. <https://mcr-arc.shinyapps.io/MCR-CIF/> MICA is also a great resource. <https://healthapps.dhss.mo.gov/MoPhims/QueryBuilder?gbc=CIM&q=1&m=1>



## 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!

An updated colorectal module has been posted on the SEER Training website. In addition, the Hematopoietic and Lymphoid coding Manual was updated in October 2025 and on the SEER Website at <https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/heme/>

SEER is currently working on an updated version of CoC Multiple Choice tests for the CY 2026 ODS Exam.

**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**

**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>



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**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

## [NCRA Annual Educational Conference](#)

We hope to see you in May at NCRA. Visit [www.NCRA-USE.ORG/Conference](http://www.NCRA-USE.ORG/Conference) for program details, registration, hotel reservations and workshops.

# NCRA Annual Educational Conference



Best,

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

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