

# Missouri Cancer Registry

May 2026

*Fellow Registrars,*

*May is a busy month at the registry! Several team members will be attending NCRA in Louisville, Kentucky. We hope to see some familiar faces there! We are also busy preparing for software and system upgrades in June.*



## Due Dates

To be on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) will be expected to have abstracted November 2025 diagnosis cases by May 15, 2026. Smaller facilities (<300 cases /yr.) will be expected to report the 4th Quarter of 2025 by July 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: Treatment – Kidney, Bladder, Prostate 2026**

**Upcoming NAACCR Webinar: Thyroid and Adrenal Gland 2026, May 14, 2026, 8-11 a.m.** This webinar will cover anatomy, solid tumor rules, staging, and treatment of thyroid and adrenal gland primary malignancies. Examples, quizzes and case scenarios are included. **To attend the live broadcast *in person* at our office in Columbia, MO,** sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054CACAE28A0F8C25-63657328-naaccr>

## Upgrade Season

Summer is the season for upgrades. While specific dates for software upgrades are not yet available, we expect to upgrade in late May or early June. At this time, we will be switching to NAACCR Data Standards and Data Dictionary version 26. Watch for notifications on Web Plus and in emails.

## Abstracting Tip

Jeff Steffens, ODS-C shared another great abstracting tip! When abstracting prostate cancers, do not code grade pathological unless the patient has had a **RADICAL** prostatectomy.

## Cancer PathCHART Search Update

CPC\*Search has been updated to include 2026 changes. <https://seer.cancer.gov/cancerpathchart/search/tool/>

## Missouri Cancer Registry Advisory Board Meeting



Missouri Cancer Registry held its Advisory Board meeting in conjunction with EFCC Research Day. MCR has a data driven approach to identifying cancer burdens in the State. MCR is using registry data for mapping cancer burden, comparing data with utilization patterns, and identifying priority regions and populations for screening and other services. MCR is working in conjunction with Ellis Fischel Cancer Center to provide surveillance information.

Pictured Left to Right: Dr. Iris Zachary, Lyn Collins (patient representative), Lucinda Ham, and Joseline Hernandez (DHSS partner).

## Highlights from Ellis Fischel Research Day

Congratulations to members of the MCR team who presented their research at EFCC Research Day! The best research happens through collaboration among team members and other disciplines.



Pictured Left to Right: Nishant Jain, Dr. Iris Zachary, Maryam Seifaddini (student), and Steven Richberg (student)



MCR also had a booth displaying Cancer InFocus maps and 60-second videos on what we do.

Pictured Left: Jeff Steffens and Mohammad Beheshti manned the MCR booth at EFCC Research Day.






Taking a moment to enjoy EFCC Research Day! Pictured Left to Right: Joseline Hernandez (DHSS partner), Dr. Iris Zachary, Nishant Jain and Lucinda Ham.



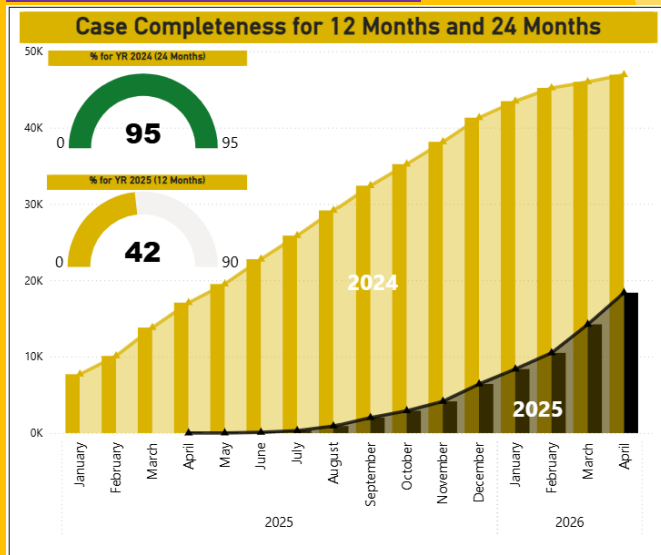
## MCR Training and Online Courses

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.

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

<p><b>FREE</b></p>  <p><b>Abstracting for Non-Hospital and Low-Volume Cancer Reporters</b></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 <b>FREE</b></p>	<p><b>FUNDAMENTALS OF ABSTRACTING   MU Non-Credit</b></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 <b>\$50</b></p>	<p><b>FREE</b></p>  <p><b>MCR EDUCATION ODS SHORTS</b></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 <b>FREE</b></p>	 <p><b>MO Oncology Data Specialist Study Guide Course (Quizzes)</b></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 <b>\$50</b></p>	<p><b>FREE</b></p>  <p><b>Seamless Reporting to MCR   MU Non-Credit</b></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 <b>FREE</b></p>
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## MCR CASE COMPLETENESS



MCR is now focusing on 2025 cases as we are at 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. Eleven facility audits have been completed resulting in the identification of 51 missed cases.

## 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

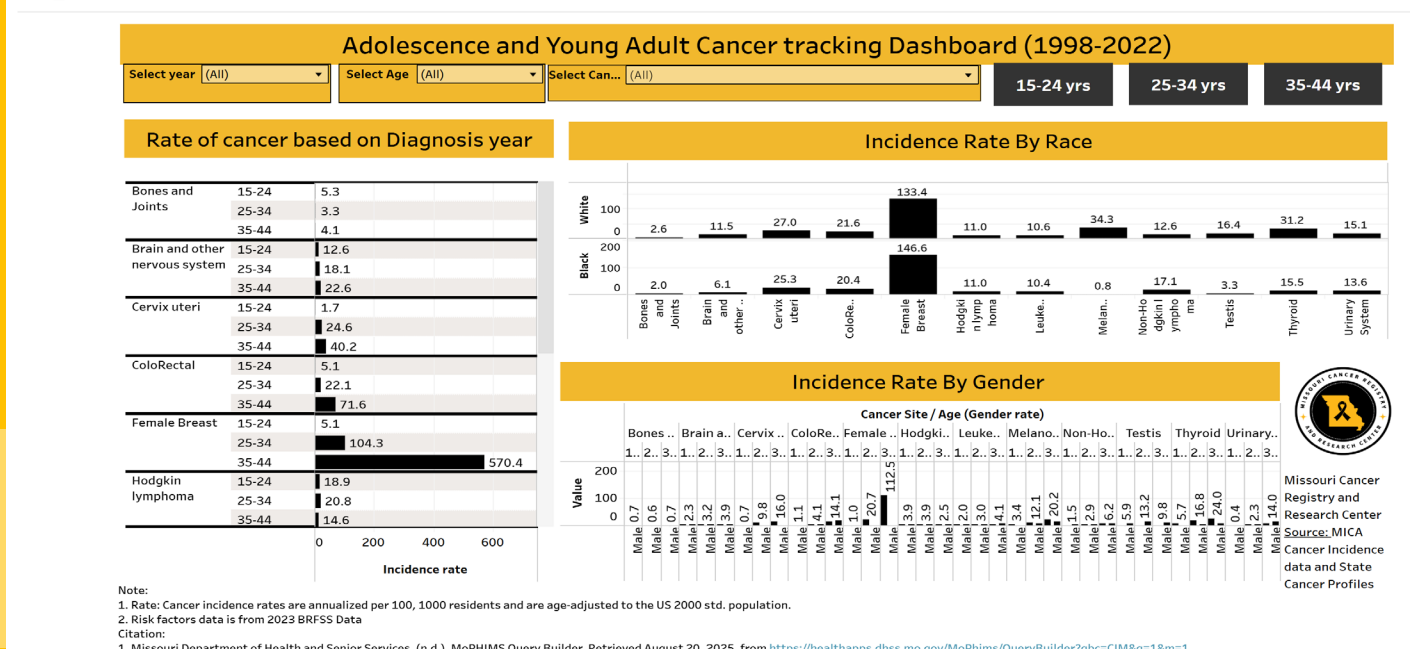
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## AYA Dashboard

AYA\_dashboard by Missouri Cancer Registry (MCR)



## 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/>

RECA applications can now be completed online by using the QR Code below.

# RECA RESOURCES

*Compensation for Missourians affected by nuclear contamination*

**ACCESS ONLINE CLAIM FORM:**



[www.justice.gov/civil/reca](http://www.justice.gov/civil/reca)

**FILE BY MAIL:**

Radiation Exposure Compensation Program  
U.S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 146  
Ben Franklin Station  
Washington, D.C. 20044-0146

**CALL OUR HOTLINE**

202-228-4388

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

[www.hawley.senate.gov/reca](http://www.hawley.senate.gov/reca)

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## 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/>

### [NAACCR Summer ODS Prep and Review Series](#)

NAACCR prepared an 8-week ODS exam prep course which will cover topics related to the exam. Each session includes a lecture, Q&A, reading assignment, and a quiz. Participants have unlimited access to the lectures throughout the testing period. The first session begins May 12, 2026. Registration is \$260 per participant. Click on this link for more information: [NAACCR Online Education: ODS Exam Preparation and Review](#)

### [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>

### [NCRA Summer Informatics and AI](#)

NCRA is hosting a three-part informatics webinar series that explores how AI is reshaping cancer registry operations. The first webinar, Embracing Informatics and AI in the Cancer Registry: Strategy, Quality and Operational Impact is free for NCRA members. This webinar is June 17<sup>th</sup>. You must register to attend. The other two webinars: ODS in the Driver's Seat and Using AI to Support Follow-up and Long-term patient Tracking can be purchased together or individually. See [LIVE Webinars](#) to register and/or purchase the webinars.

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

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Best,

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

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