

Missouri Cancer Registry

June 2026

Fellow Registrars,

We had a wonderful time at NCRA! It was great to see so many colleagues there! We returned with great ideas for educational programs. In this edition, you will find a Show Me Tip on Lung Cancer created by Deborah Carnagey (formerly Carey).



Due Dates

To be on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) will be expected to have abstracted December 2025 diagnosis cases by June 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 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: Thyroid and Adrenal Gland 2026**

Upcoming NAACCR Webinar: Unusual Sites 2026, June 11, 8-11 a.m. This webinar will review sites that are not as common as other sites. 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/10C054CACAE28A0F8C25-64268392-missouri>

V26 Upgrade

While specific dates for software upgrades are not yet available, we expect to upgrade in June. At that time, we will be switching to NAACCR Data Standards and Data Dictionary version 26. Downtime notifications will be sent via Web Plus and blast emails. Once the upgrades are complete, you may submit bundle files with 2026 cases. If you are in the physician office/cancer center setting or use MO LV Reporting to abstract cases, you may continue to abstract 2026 cases.

Show Me Tip

Deborah Carnagey created the attached Show Me Tip on coding lung cancer cases. This tip covers how to document the new SSDI – Spread Through Air Spaces.



ShowMeTips -
Lung.pdf

Abstracting Tip

Missouri Cancer Registry continues to require the collection of VIN III, VAIN III and AIN III per NPCR requirement. While VIN II, VAIN II and AIN II also have a behavior code /2 in ICD-O 3.2, these histologies are considered moderate dysplasia and not reportable.

Table 2: VIN III, VAIN III, AIN III (High-grade / carcinoma in situ)

Lesion	Terminology	Behavior	Risk of progression to invasive cancer
VIN III	HSIL / Severe dysplasia / CIS	/2	Moderate to high risk (~10–20% over time; higher if untreated; much higher for differentiated VIN)
VAIN III	HSIL / Severe dysplasia / CIS	/2	Low to moderate risk (progression uncommon but possible; vaginal cancer is rare overall)
AIN III	HSIL / Severe dysplasia / CIS	/2	Clinically significant risk (especially in high-risk groups; clear precursor to anal cancer)

Highlights from NCRA

It is truly an exciting era for Oncology Data Specialists as AI and Informatics are revolutionizing the field. Streamlining case-finding and automating real-time data capture are major game changers for improving both efficiency and accuracy in cancer registries. Cutting-edge physician presentations and information about emerging clinical treatments are exactly what keeps ODS professionals at the forefront of oncology.



Pictured left to right: Jeffrey Steffens, Lucinda Ham, Deborah Carnagey (Carey) and Stacy Barr.

Save the Date!

Missouri Cancer Registry will be hosting a one-day educational conference in Kansas City, Missouri, on Friday, **September 25, 2026**. This will be an in-person-only event worth 6.5 CE hours. More information will be available in the July newsletter.

Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award



We are pleased to announce that one of our staff members, Michael Castera, received the Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award for part-time employees. backlog of 40,000 pending cases, performed non-hospital abstracting, and assisted MCR with other projects.

Congratulations Michael!

Pictured left: Michael Castera with Lucinda Ham



Pictured right: Marsha Fischer (VP Human Resources), Dr. Julie Kapp (Chair, Dept of Public Health), Lucinda Ham, Michael Castera, Dr. Iris Zachary (MCR Director), Kelsie Gibler (Chair, Staff Advisory Council) and Mun Choi (President of MU System and Chancellor).



Michael with MCR team members.

Pictured left to right: Nishant Jain, Dr. Julie Kapp, Sue Stulgo, Deborah Carnagey, Lucinda Ham, Michael Castera, Dr. Iris Zachary, Mohammad Beheshti and Stacy Barr.

MCR Training and Online Courses

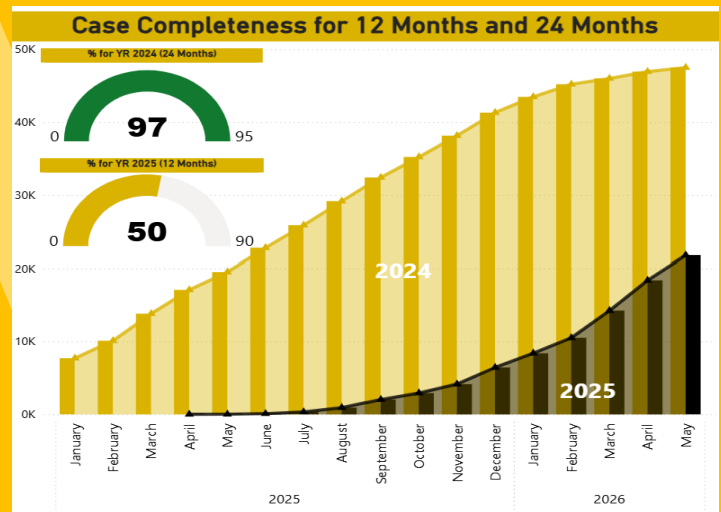
The Fundamentals of Abstracting course and MOODS Study Guide and course are updated to include the most recent changes by standard setters. Click the following link to enroll in any of these courses.

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

 FREE 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	 FREE 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	 FREE 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
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Missouri Cancer Registry Case Completeness

MCR is now focusing on 2025 cases as we are currently at 97% 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.



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)

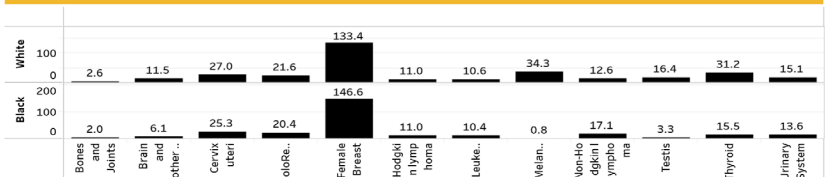
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Rate of cancer based on Diagnosis year

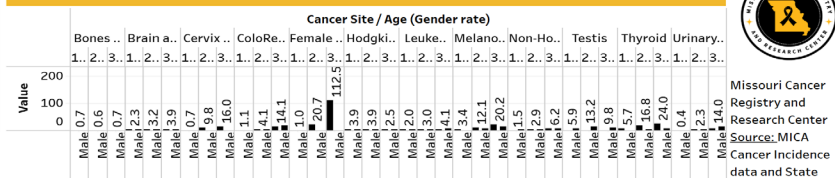
Bones and Joints	15-24	5.3
	25-34	3.3
	35-44	4.1
Brain and other nervous system	15-24	12.6
	25-34	18.1
	35-44	22.6
Cervix uteri	15-24	1.7
	25-34	24.6
	35-44	40.2
ColoRectal	15-24	5.1
	25-34	22.1
	35-44	71.6
Female Breast	15-24	5.1
	25-34	104.3
	35-44	570.4
Hodgkin lymphoma	15-24	18.9
	25-34	20.8
	35-44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

Incidence rate

Incidence Rate By Race



Incidence Rate By Gender



Note:

1. Rate: Cancer incidence rates are annualized per 100, 1000 residents and are age-adjusted to the US 2000 std. population.

2. Risk factors data is from 2023 BRFSS Data

Citation:

1. Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. (n.d.). MoPHIMS Query Builder. Retrieved August 20, 2025, from <https://healthaops.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 the following 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

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

JOSH HAWLEY
U.S. SENATOR FOR MISSOURI

The Missouri Cancer Registry (MCR) has been instrumental in helping Missourians secure Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (RECA) benefits. MCR continues to provide essential cancer diagnosis documentation—often the only remaining source of long-term medical information—supporting both the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) and Missouri residents in assembling the required evidence for their claims. More than \$101.95 million has been awarded to current Missouri residents to date.

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

SEER Helpdesk closed:

- June 19
- June 23-25 (NAACCR)
- July 3
- September 7

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. Click on the link 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, 2026. 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. Visit [LIVE Webinars](#) to register and/or purchase the webinars.



The graphic is a blue rectangular box with white text. At the top, it says "Earn the ODS Credential" with "ODS" in large, bold, white letters. To the right is the NCRA logo. Below this, it says "EXAM TESTING WINDOWS 2026". Then, it lists three windows: "Spring March 20-April 11, 2026" with an application deadline of March 6, 2026; "Summer July 3-25, 2026" with an application deadline of June 19, 2026; and "Fall October 23-November 14, 2026" with an application deadline of October 7, 2026.

Season	Exam Window	Application Deadline
Spring	March 20-April 11, 2026	MARCH 6, 2026
Summer	July 3-25, 2026	JUNE 19, 2026
Fall	October 23-November 14, 2026	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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