

Missouri Cancer Registry

August 2026

Fellow Registrars,

Summer has flown by! As we roll into August, I hope you had a chance to take some time off to rest and refresh. We are working on Call for Data activities which includes Death Clearance. Please check for Death Clearance cases in Web Plus and submit your comments as soon as possible. In Kind letter responses need to be returned by August 14, 2026.



Register for the Missouri Oncology Data Specialist Educational Conference by clicking the link on the next page.

Due Dates

To stay on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) are expected to have January 2026 cases completed by August 15, 2026. Smaller facilities (<300 cases/yr.) should have reported 4th Quarter 2025 cases 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 [Educational Webinars and Recordings – Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center](#). Contact Lucinda Ham at lahf5p@health.missouri.edu to obtain the password. After gaining access to the webinars, click on the file folder for the month. Webinar materials are typically available within a couple of weeks following the presentation and can be downloaded. **NAACCR Webinar: Unusual Sites 2026**

Upcoming NAACCR Webinar: Pancreas 2026, August 6, 2026, 8:00-11:00 a.m. This webinar will cover anatomy, solid tumor rules, staging, and treatment of primary pancreatic cancer. **To attend the live broadcast in person at our office in Columbia, MO, sign up here: [Sign-Up Genius](#)**

Death Clearance

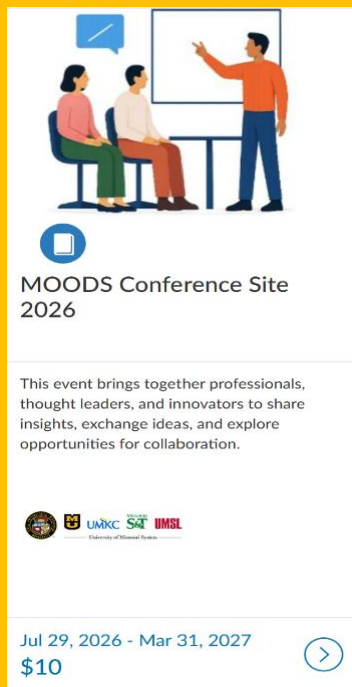
Death Clearance follow-back requests have been distributed via Web Plus. We ask that responses be submitted within 30 days of receipt to allow sufficient time for updates ahead of the fall Call for Data deadline. Please take a moment to review the Death Clearance instructions available on our website: [Cancer Reporting – Hospital – Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center](#)

In Kind Letters

In Kind letters were sent out earlier in the week. If you received a letter, we are requesting a statement of the actual cost incurred by your facility to report data to MCR for the period June 30, 2025, to June 29, 2026. Please return your responses by August 14, 2026, to Stacy Barr. Your response helps us estimate the level of support your facility provides to the Central Registry. barrs@health.missouri.edu

Register Now for the MOODS Annual Educational Conference

Missouri Cancer Registry will be hosting a one-day educational conference in Kansas City, Missouri, on Friday, **September 25, 2026, at St. Luke's Health System Corporate Office, Estes Conference Room, 901 E 104th Street, Kansas City, MO 64131**



This will be an in-person-only event worth 6.5 CE hours. **The \$10 registration fee includes a sandwich and salad buffet.**

Attendees can look forward to sessions on:

- Pharmacogenetics in Oncology
- Colorectal Cancer Staging & HIPEC
- Pediatric Neuroblastoma
- Oropharyngeal Cancers
- Breast Cancer & Lymph Node Biopsy
- Gynecologic (GYN) Cancers

Registration link here: [MOODS Conference Site 2026 - Missouri Cancer Registry](#)

Alternatively, you may use the QR code provided.



Hotel options near the meeting venue include:

Sonesta Select Kansas City South Overland Park, 500 E. 105th Street, Kansas City, MO 64131

- **Distance:** < 1 mile west (500 E. 105th St.) from St. Luke's Corporate office
- **Highlights:** 3-star hotel with an indoor pool, fitness center, and on-site restaurant.
- **Special rate for medical/healthcare workers includes a 20% discount. Use promocode 3MHSGP.**

Hampton Inn Kansas City Southeast

- **Distance:** ~ 2.5 miles east (9484 Marion Ridge, Kansas City)
- **Highlights:** 3-star property with free breakfast, an indoor pool, and a 24-hour fitness center.

Courtyard by Marriott Kansas City Overland Park/Convention Center

- **Distance:** ~ 3.5 miles southwest (11001 Woodson St, Overland Park)
- **Highlights:** 3-star hotel featuring an indoor pool, on-site dining, and a bar.

Missouri Information for Community Assessment (MICA)

The Missouri Information for Community Assessment is an interactive system that allows users to access cancer data. MICA users can also access statistics on other various health conditions. Users can generate tables, charts, and maps by year of occurrence, age, gender, race and county or zip code of residence and obtain age-adjusted rates. 2023 information is now available on MICA. [MICA data](#)

US Cancer Statistics



The CDC released the latest United States Cancer Statistics (USCS) with new cancers diagnosed through 2023 and deaths through 2024. [United States Cancer Statistics \(USCS\) | U.S. Cancer Statistics | CDC](#) The latest release also includes an updated Data Visualization tool that helps users easily explore cancer-related data and create graphs, maps, and tables by state, county and demographic characteristics.

MCR Videos

The MCR, with the assistance of Mizzou Online, created this short informational video on an Introduction to MCR that briefly explains the purpose of the Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center. More of these short educational videos will be coming out in the next few months.

Click here to view this video: [MCR YouTube Videos](#)



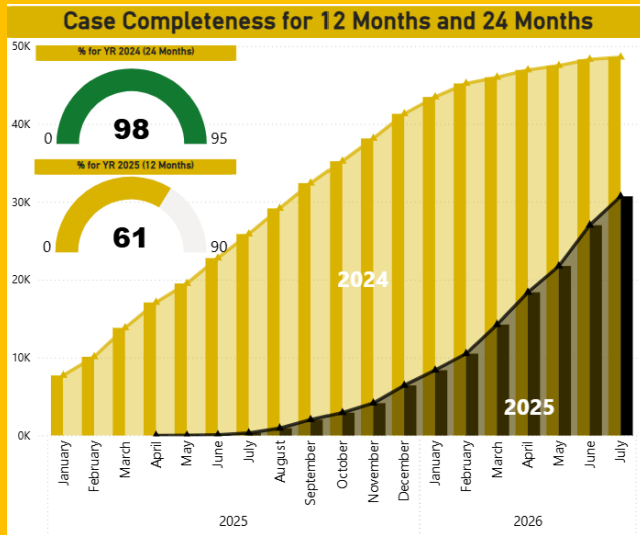
MCR Training and Online Courses

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.

MCR Course Catalog

FREE ● Abstracting for Non-Hospital and Low-Volume Cancer Reporters	FUNDAMENTALS OF ABSTRACTING MU Non-Credit	FREE MCR EDUCATION ODS SHORTS	MO Oncology Data Specialist Study Guide Course (Quizzes)	FREE ● Seamless Reporting to MCR MU Non-Credit
"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...	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.	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...	The study guide is designed to cover, in summary form, the major content areas of the Certification Examination for Tumor Registrars.	"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	Time limit: 90 days \$50	Self-paced FREE	Time limit: 365 days \$50	Self-paced FREE

Missouri Cancer Registry Case Completeness



MCR is now focusing on 2025 cases, as case completeness for 2024 has reach 98%. 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.

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 legislation 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 [Radiation Exposure Compensation Act \(RECA\) – Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center](#).

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

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 Missouri residents and the U.S.

Department of Justice (DOJ) by providing documentation needed to substantiate claims. More than \$150 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 [SEER Educate](#) 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. New/Updated Coding exercises are available under Training, Coding – CEs.

SEER Helpdesk closed:

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NCRA

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

Seven 90-minute recorded presentations are designed to prepare candidates for the Oncology Data Specialist exam. Click on the link for more information. [NCRA Prep and Practice Cases](#)

NAACCR Fall 2026 ODS Exam Prep

NAACCR had an eight-week course available to prepare students for the ODS exam. Each session includes a lecture, Q&A, reading assignments and a quiz. Students have unlimited access to the recordings until the conclusion of the testing window. The first session begins September 1, 2026. [NAACCR Online Education: ODS Exam Preparation and Review](#)

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

National Cancer Registrars Association
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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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