

Missouri Cancer Registry

September 2026

Fellow Registrars,

Don't miss the Missouri Oncology Data Specialist Educational Conference later this month. We have assembled an exceptional lineup of speakers and educational sessions covering topics relevant to today's oncology data specialists. Conference details are provided on the next page. The deadline to register is September 11, 2026.



Due Dates

To stay on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) are expected to have February 2026 cases completed by September 15, 2026. Smaller facilities (<300 cases/yr.) should have reported 1st Quarter 2026 cases by October 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: Coding Pitfalls 2026, September 3, 2026, 8:00-11:00 a.m. This webinar will cover problematic coding issues identified through quality control of registry data. **To attend the live broadcast in person at our office in Columbia, MO, sign up here: [Sign Up Genius](#)**

Show Me Tip

The attached Show Me Tip, on Non-Malignant CNS tumors, was created by Deborah Carnagey, Education Coordinator. We hope you find this tip enlightening!



ShowMeTip -
Non-Malignant CNS.t

Death Clearance

Annual death clearance activities are still in progress. Possible cases might still be re-routed to your facility for review. Please continue to monitor your email and respond to any follow-back requests. If you have outstanding follow-back or identified missed cases, please submit your responses and any missed cases as soon as possible. Please email Stacy Barr at barrs@missouri.edu with any questions.

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.

The \$10 fee is non-refundable.

Deadline to register is September 11, 2026.



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.

A special thank you to our Kansas City colleagues for their tremendous help in finding outstanding speakers!

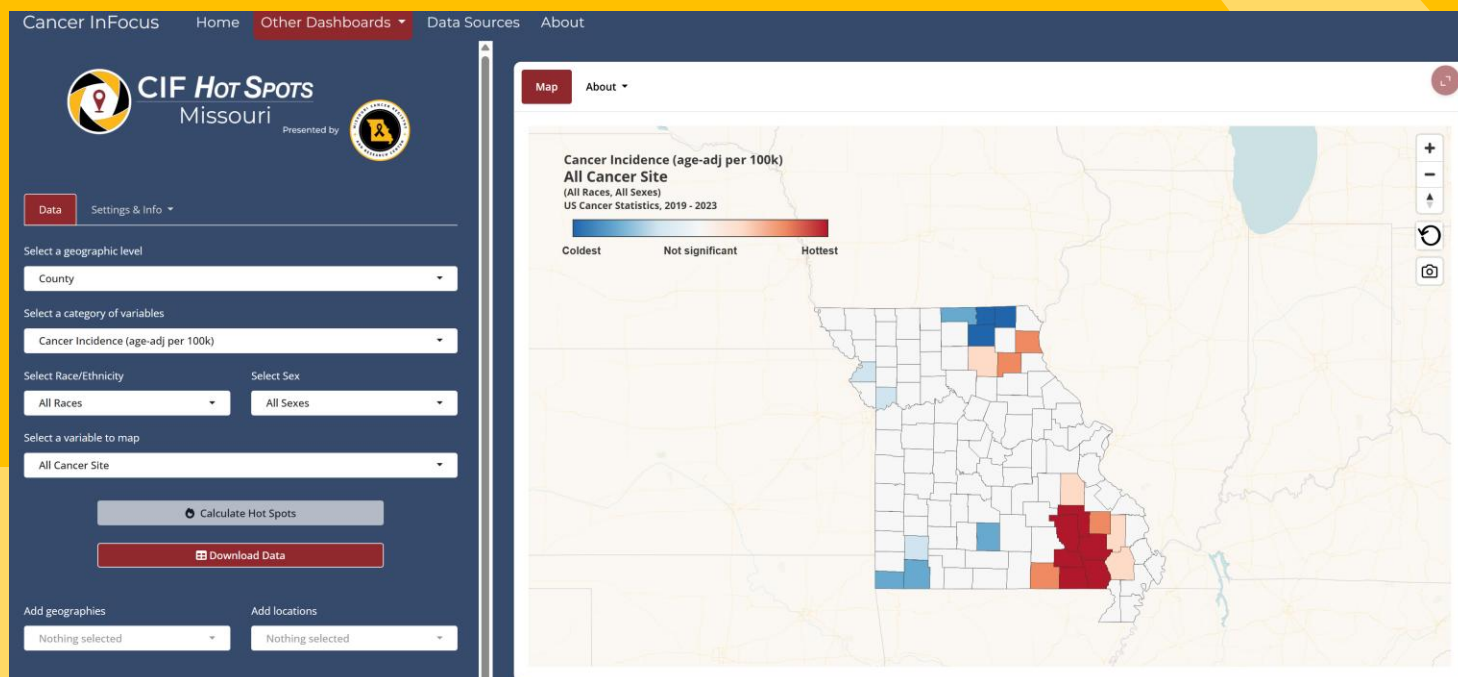
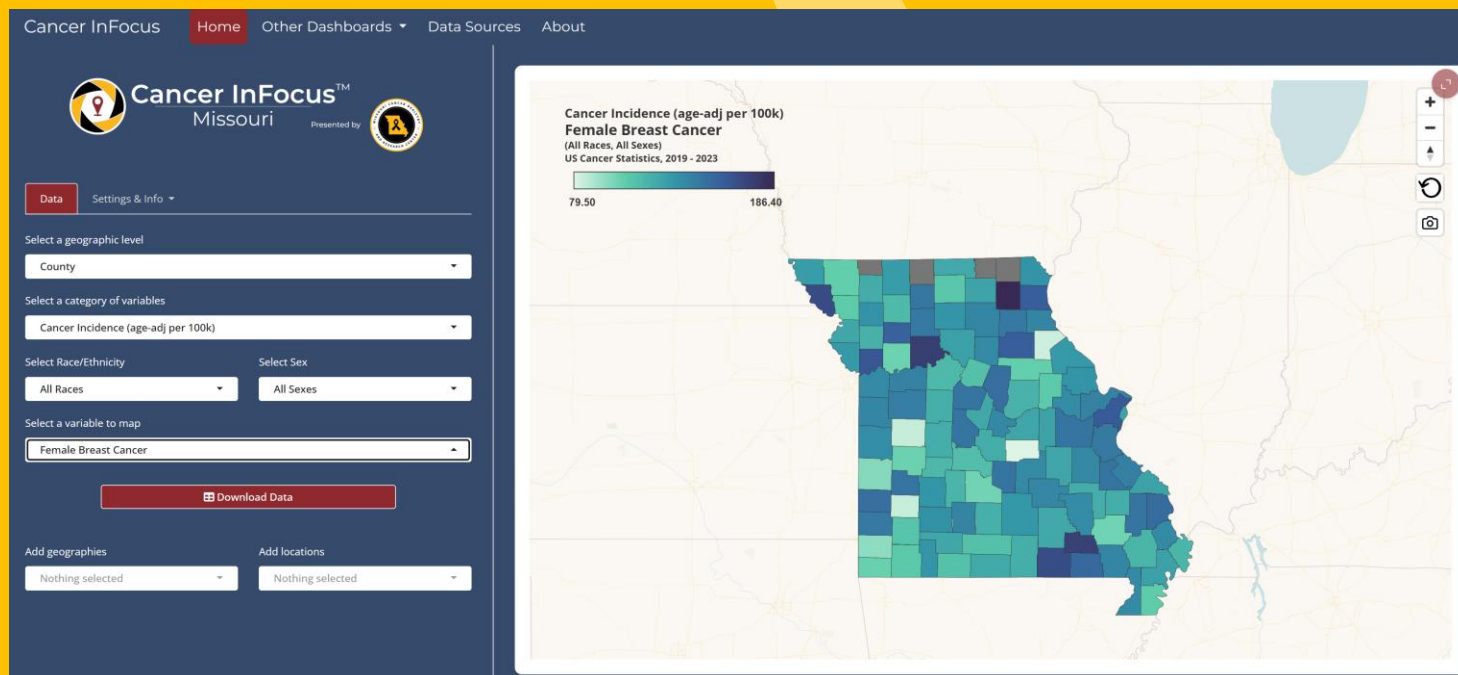
Missouri Information for Community Assessment (MICA)

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](#)

[Cancer InFocus Maps](#)

The **Cancer InFocus Maps** on the MCR website have been updated to include **2023 data**. Click on [Cancer InFocus Maps](#) to access the interactive mapping tool. The maps can be customized and filtered by cancer site, sex, race, and data category, allowing users to explore specific cancer patterns across Missouri. In the first example shown, **female breast cancer** has been selected. The map at the bottom highlights **cancer hotspots in Missouri**, providing a visual representation of areas with higher rates of disease occurrence.



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](#)



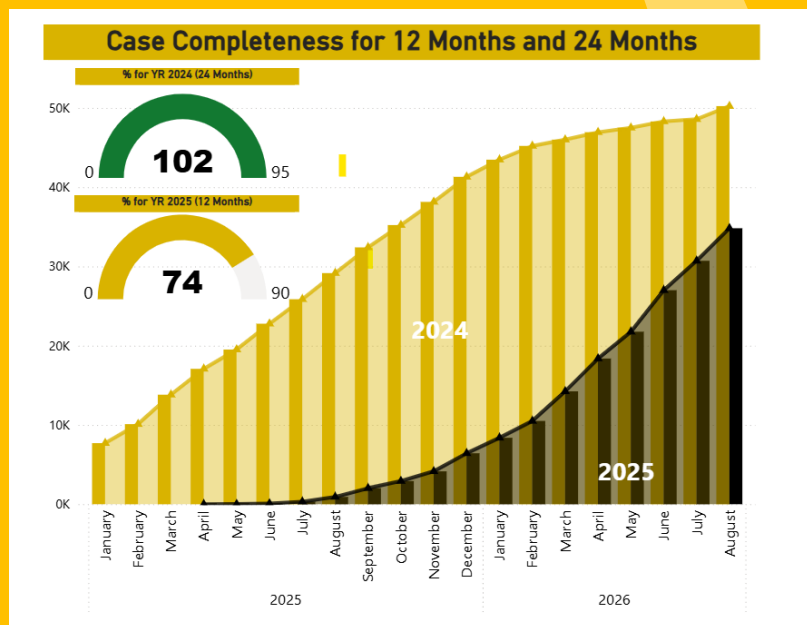
MCR Training and Online Courses

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 "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



We met the 2024 goal. However, please report any outstanding 2024 cases as soon as possible. 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

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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. These are under Training, ODS Prep.

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](#)

Virtual ODS Exam Prep Workshop: Hands-On Strategies for the Open-Book Section, September 15 and 17, 2026

NCRA's virtual workshop is a rigorous training presented over two days in 3-hour sessions. This workshop focuses on abstracting and coding methodologies. Registrants are required to complete pre-workshop case scenerios. Register today at [Virtual ODS Exam Prep Workshop: Hands-On Strategies for the Open-Book Section \(Fall 2026\)](#). The NCRA member price is \$180.

Virtual Fundamentals of Abstracting Workshop

NCRA Fundamental's workshop includes four sessions on September 22 and 24; and September 29 and October 1. Topics include Solid Tumor Rules, ICD-O, AJCC TNM Staging, Summary Stage, Site-Specific Data Items and abstracting data. This workshop is foundational and does not include CEs. The NCRA member price is \$360. The non-member price is \$500. Registry today at [Virtual Fundamentals of Abstracting \(FOA\) Workshop \(Fall 2026\)](#).

NAACCR Fall 2026 ODS Exam Prep

NAACCR offers 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

Council on Certification

Best,

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*Every accomplishment starts with a decision
to try – John F. Kennedy*

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