

Missouri Cancer Registry

October 2026

Fellow Registrars,

Happy fall! The cooler temperatures have been a welcome change. We were pleased to see such a strong turnout at the annual MOODS Conference in Kansas City and enjoyed connecting with so many of you during the event.

October is Breast Cancer and Liver Cancer Awareness month. The attached one-pagers were created by our Informatics Specialist Vishwa Bhayani.



Female Breast.pdf



Liver & Intrahepatic
Bile Duct.pdf

Due Dates

To stay on track, large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) are expected to have March 2026 cases completed by October 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: Coding Pitfalls 2026**

Upcoming NAACCR Webinar: Larynx 2026, October 1, 2026, 8:00-11:00 a.m. This webinar will cover anatomy, solid tumor rules, staging and treatment of laryngeal cancers. Examples, quizzes, and case scenarios are included.

To attend the live broadcast in person at our office in Columbia, MO, sign up here: [Sign Up Genius](#)

MCR must obtain prior approval from NCRA before CEIP credits can be offered for webinar participation. A minimum of five ODS attendees is required. If there is sufficient interest, please contact me, and we can coordinate hosting one to two NAACCR webinars annually with CEIP credit opportunities.

Death Clearance

Thank you to all facilities that have completed their death clearance review and submitted responses promptly. If you still have outstanding cases, please complete your review and submit any missed case abstracts as soon as possible so we can finalize this year's process.

V27 Metafile

The V27 metafile has been created and posted to the NAACCR Clearinghouse. Let your vendors know it is available.

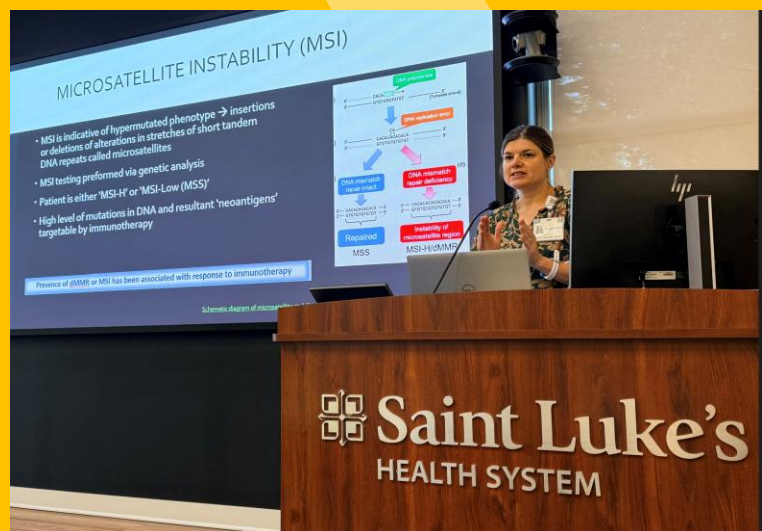
MOODS Conference Highlights



Dr. Iris Zachary

The presentations will be available to those who registered for the course on Canvas by October 9, 2026.

The MOODS Educational Conference was a tremendous success! Attendees enjoyed valuable learning opportunities on new treatments and procedures, pediatric staging, molecular staging, genetic testing, and germline testing. We were also proud to recognize nine facilities with Gold Certificates for achieving the 95% completeness and timeliness benchmarks for three consecutive years.



Dr. Beth Gustafson



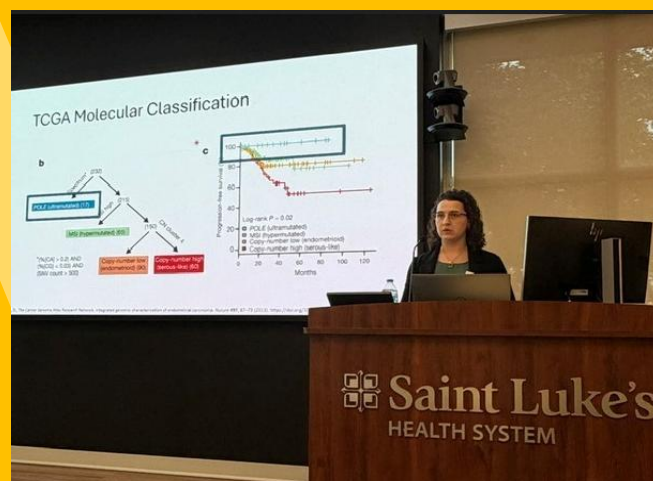
Dr. Megan McNally



Dr. Kevin Campbell



Dr. John Shook



Dr. Susan Duyar-Ayerdi



Gold Awardees – (listed from left to right) Lee Turner - University Health Truman Medical Center, Alicia Stark, Cox Health Branson & Springfield, Ashley Yardley & Chris Bentz - Centerpoint Medical Center and Lee's Summit Medical Center, Kristy Hurst – Children's Mercy Kansas City. Other facilities receiving the Gold Award include Golden Valley Healthcare, St. Francis Medical Center, and SSM St. Mary's Hospital Jefferson City (not pictured).



Lucinda Ham and Deborah Carnagey



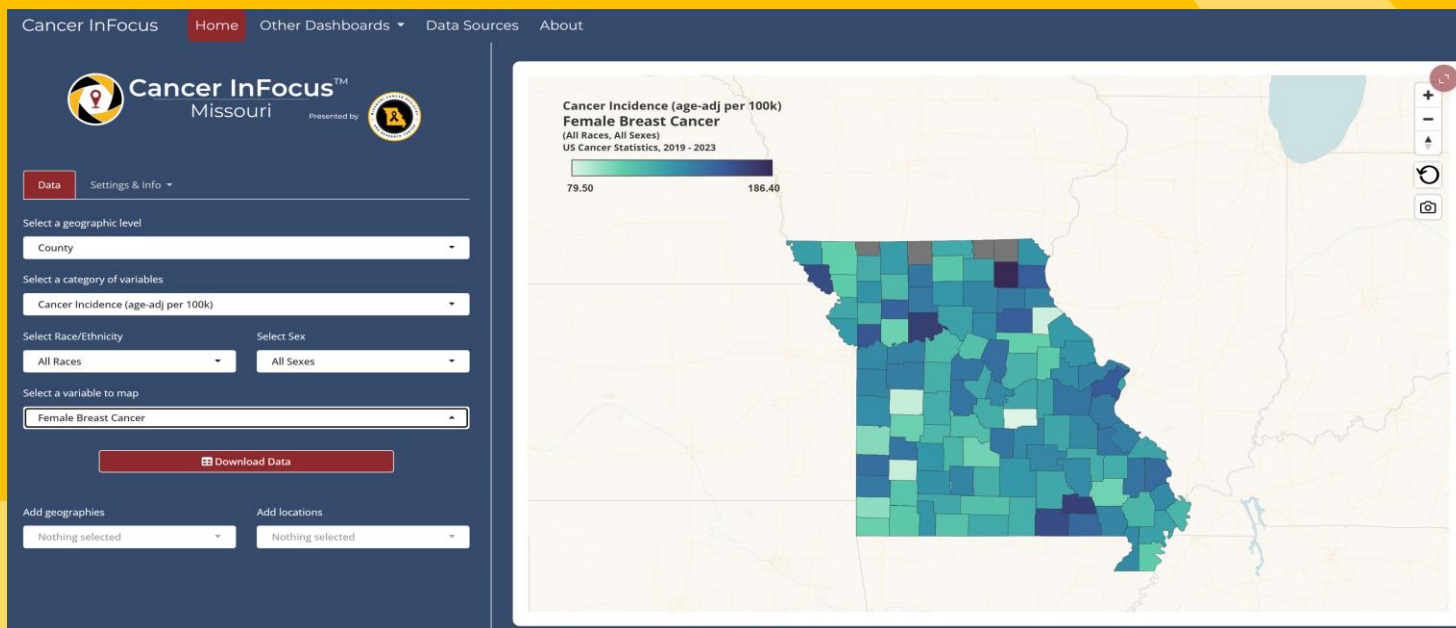
We hope to see you at MOODS 2027!

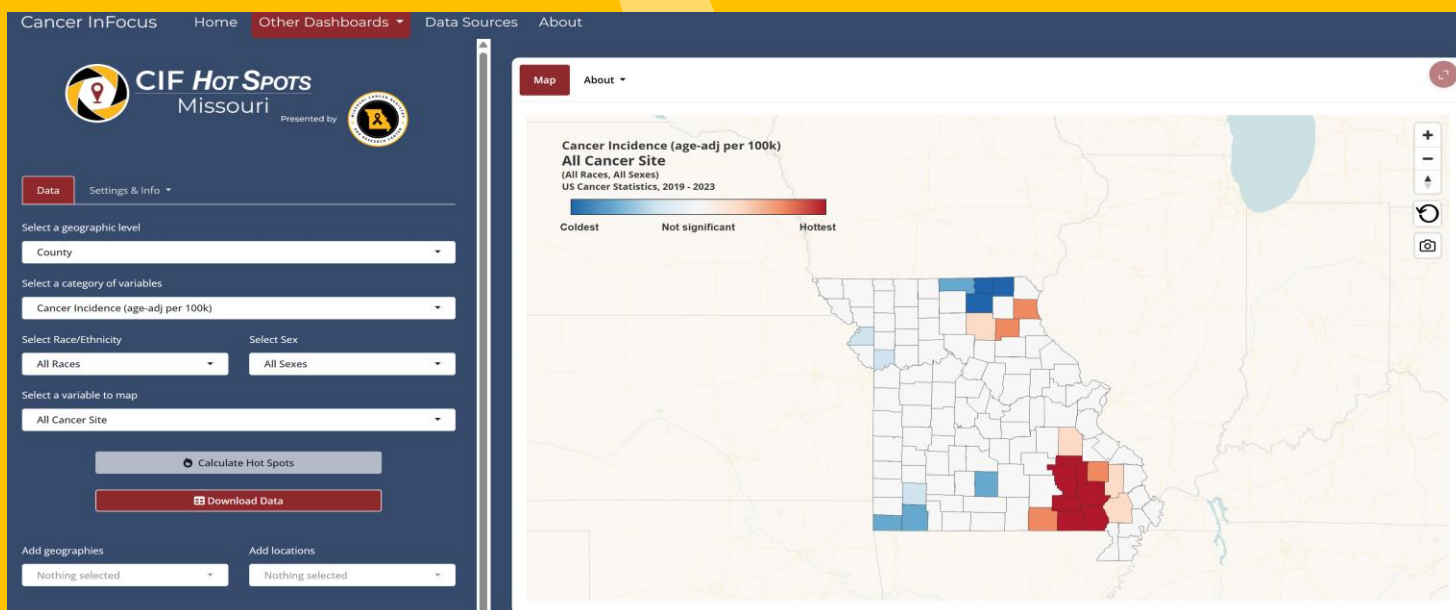
Missouri Information for Community Assessment (MICA)

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. Additional short educational videos will be released in the next few months.

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



MCR Introduction

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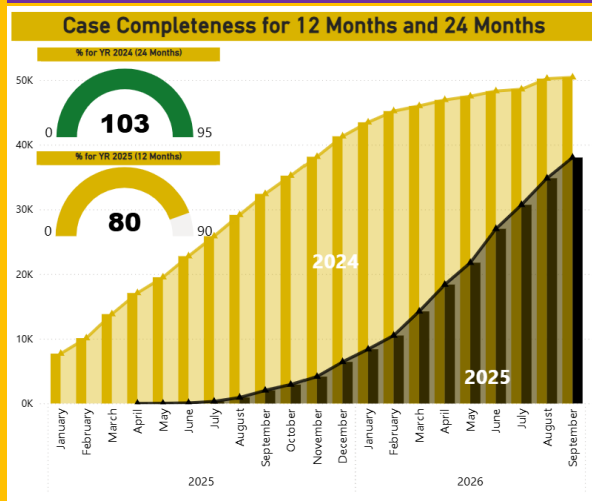
[MCR Training and Online Courses](#)

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 have reached the 2024 goal of 95%. 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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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 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. See Training, ODS Prep. The CNS Module is now live in the SEER Training website.

2027 Cancer PathCHART

The 2027 Cancer PathCHART site-morphology combinations standards file has been posted to the SEER website [Cancer PathCHART: Product Downloads](#)

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](#)

NCRA Fall 2026 Webinar Series – Navigating Rare and Complex Cancers

This webinar series begins on October 21, 2026 and will cover Large Cell Neuroendocrine Carcinoma of the lung, Retroperitoneal Sarcoma and Neuroblastoma. Register by October 16, 2026, to receive a discount. [LIVE Webinars](#)

NCRA Live Webinar - Advancing Cancer Registry Data Quality with SNOMED CT & CAP Electronic Cancer Protocols

This webinar will provide an overview of how SNOMED aligns with CAP electronic cancer protocols. Register at [LIVE Webinars](#)

Best,

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

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