GUIDANCE: 2025 CALL FOR ABSTRACTS
2025 NCRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE MAY 3-6, 2025
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National Cancer Registrars Association
51st Annual Educational Conference
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Abstract Submission Guidance and Topics

Share your expertise with the cancer registrar community at NCRA's 51st Annual Educational Conference (NCRA 2025) to be held in Orlando, FL, at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld®, May 3-6, 2025. Oral presentations and poster abstracts will be accepted through the **2025 NCRA Online Abstract Collection Site** through Wednesday, September 11, 2024.

Submission Guidelines
Through NCRA's Online Abstract Collection Site, you will be asked to note if your submission is intended as an oral or poster presentation**.** The 2025 Program Committee will make the final decision on the intended presentation's format, title, description, and will ask the presenter for their agreement. Both oral and poster presentation abstracts must include a short title that is descriptive, three learning objectives, a 175-word description, and a 150-word bio for **each** presenter. NCRA is accepting oral abstract proposals for both plenary (45-60 minutes) and concurrent sessions (30-45 minutes).

Please do NOT send supplemental materials, such as articles, reports, or PowerPoint presentations. The Program Committee will not review these items. Those selected for oral presentations will be asked to submit a PowerPoint presentation and additional materials at a later date. Those selected for poster presentations will receive details on specifications and instructions in January 2025. The person submitting the abstract will be the main point-of-contact, receiving all correspondence from NCRA. They are asked to keep their co-presenter(s) informed. IMPORTANT: Selected speakers and posters presenters are required to present **in-person** in Orlando, Florida.

Abstract Review Process
NCRA's 2025 Program Committee reviews and grades all submissions. Authors should prepare their abstracts with care, using clear and concise language. This will ensure Program Committee members understand the significance of the topic, the objectives of the presentation, and the relevance to the cancer registry community. The Program Committee uses the highest scored abstracts to develop the final conference program. Authors of selected abstracts will be notified by mid-November 2024.

Requested Topics for NCRA 2025
Based on information received from the NCRA 2024 Annual Educational Conference evaluation, the following topics were identified as subjects of interest for 2025.

Updates from National/Federal Cancer Registry Partners
- American Cancer Society
- CDC-NPCR
- NCI-SEER
- NAACCR
- Other cancer surveillance partners

Updates from the American College of Surgeons
- Best practices on meeting compliance with operative standards.
- In-depth updates on CoC, NAPBC, and NAPRC standards.
- Information and updates on the Pediatric Cancer Program (PCP).
- Information on new or expanding CoC accreditations.
- Quality-focused topics or goals related to NCDB data.
- Update on strategic plans for the CoC.

Update from the American Joint Committee on Cancer
- Detailed updates and clarifications on the AJCC Cancer Staging Manual rules.
- Review of FAQs submitted to AJCC.
- Updates on AJCC online initiative.

Case Finding
- Showcase new case finding practices, such as advancements in utilizing AI.

Abstracting/Coding/Staging
- Showcase common coding errors and review how best to address.
- In-depth review of how to use manuals and reference materials, especially the Solid Tumor Rules and the Hematopoietic & Lymphoid Database.
- How to best collect and document *subsequent treatment*.
- Extensive updates with detailed explanations of any pending abstraction, collection, and reporting changes planned for 2025 and beyond.

Pathology and Radiation
- Pathology – stand-alone session on reading pathology reports. Highlight specific cases.
- Radiation – stand-alone session on coding proton radiation therapy for adult and pediatric cases.

Cancer Advancements and Treatments
- Highlight new cancer treatments, including biologic drugs, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and photon therapy.
- Review new surgical treatments and updated codes.
- Provide updates on advancements in genetics and precision medicine.

Follow-Up
- Highlight new and innovative ways to address follow-up.

Data Quality
- Best practices in managing data quality.
- Detail successful quality improvement initiatives.
- Highlight the value of the ODS credential and its impact on data quality.
- Define quality control and quality assurance and their approaches for cancer data management.

Data Use
- Detail the importance of high-quality facility, state, national, and international cancer registry data and illustrate how the data are used to advance cancer treatment and care.
- Explain how cancer data translates to epidemiological studies and funding opportunities.
- Generating useful reports for cancer registry managers to monitor and showcase data trends.
- Statistical terms and their meaning in cancer surveillance.

Informatics and its Impact on the Cancer Registry Profession
- Health Informatics 101 for cancer registrars.
- The impact of AI and NLP on the work of the cancer registrar.
- Data automation and the role of the cancer registrar to ensure data quality.

Registry Management/Professional Development
- Outline the variety of roles an ODS-certified cancer registrar can pursue and how one can craft an expansive career.
- How to create a healthy workplace culture, ways to help remote staff feel connected to their employer and their team, and effective retention strategies.
- Registry workforce. Outline successful strategies for recruiting and retaining registrars, initiatives to train new registrars, and proven ways to manage contractors or a hospital system's outsourcing contract.
- Understanding cybersecurity and developing contingency plans to address emergencies.
- Outline successful processes for updating and managing the ever-changing manuals and cancer registry resources required to abstract cases accurately.
- Best practices for onboarding new employees, including those new to the field and experienced registrars.
- Best practices to manage registry workflow and ways to address productivity.

Central Registries
- Death clearance best practices.
- Developing continuity of operational plans (e.g., disasters, furloughs, telework, personal preparedness, etc.).
- Best practices to ensure all reporting facilities, especially physician offices and free-standing centers, report cases to the central registry.
- Innovations in data collection, linkages, and working in the *cloud*.
- Best practices in Quality Control/Quality Improvement (auditing, visual review, etc.).
- Best practices in evaluating performance (registry processes, data timeliness, data completeness).
- Using linkages to address gaps identified in data quality and completeness or to improve the utility of the data.
- Advances in data modernization and electronic data exchange.
- Central registry workforce challenges and opportunities.

Education/Training
- Thoughts on the skills, expertise, education, certification, and training needed to prepare the next generation of cancer registrars.
- Share experiences in establishing an NCRA Accredited Formal Education Program.
  Ideas on how to dovetail HIM and cancer registry certificate programs.