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Educational Opportunities

Statewide CSv2 Training: Various dates and locations. Information is available at <http://ccrcal.org>

April 7, 2010: Twentieth Annual CSP Education Symposium, USC Health Sciences Campus, Los Angeles:
Contact Michelle King
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April 12-16, 2010: National Cancer Registrars Week: Info@ncra-usa.org

April 20-23, 2010: Thirty Sixth Annual Conference, NCRA, Palm Springs: Registration@ncra-usa.org

Reminders

The California Cancer Registry website has a wealth of information which would not be possible if not for all the hard work and effort by the

About This Issue

By Katheryne Vance, BA, CTR

Just over a decade ago, the world prepared for the new millennium. People purchased additional home supplies, put away cash, and stored extra food. Software developers, city, and state government officials worried about what would or could happen to computer systems. In general, many individuals went into a survival mode not knowing what would happen at midnight on December 31, 1999. Fortunately, the first day of the New Year came and went without a hitch.



In many ways, 2010 is the cancer registrar's "millennium". Never before has the cancer registry field been faced with such significant data changes as the 2010 data changes. The implementation of CSv2 and the 2010 *Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Case Reportability and Coding Manual* each by themselves represent major changes; the two together along with other data items are daunting.

With careful preparation, planning, education, communication and work effort on the part of everyone involved at the national, state, and local cancer registry levels, these changes will be implemented seamlessly. Although we are challenged with a new learning curve, we are all in this together.

In this issue, Wendy Cozen, D.O., M.P.H., of the USC Cancer Surveillance Program, describes the evolution of classifying hematological and lymphoid neoplasms in *Rethinking How to Classify Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasms*.

Auditing is one part of the CCR's effort to monitor the

cancer registrars. If you have not explored our website lately, it now offers incidence and mortality rates by county and maps that can compare data across counties.

March is Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, so look for our new publication Colorectal Cancer among Californians, 1988-2007.

The California Cancer Registry website is currently being revised and updated. Be sure to visit, www.ccr.ca.gov in April to see our new look.

Beginning in 2010, the CCR has centralized the distribution of DSQC Statewide Memorandums. In addition to the electronic notification, the memorandums are posted on the CCR website under Registrar Resources in pdf file format for easy printing. If you are not receiving the DSQC memorandums, please send an email to Katheryne Vance, kvance@ccr.ca.gov.



SEER*Rx was updated on January 11, 2010. Information from 1,129 NCI-listed clinical trials, 2,610 drug indications listed in Phrma.org Oncology Drugs under development, NCI's drug information summaries and orphan drug lists, and 74 unduplicated inquires/comments from users from May 2009 through December 2009 were reviewed and incorporated into the updated database.

You can download the new version at:
<http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/seerrx>

[Registrar's Check List for 2010 Data Change Implementation](#)

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quality of data maintained in our statewide database. In the article *Audit Corner*, Kyle Ziegler, CTR, describes recoding audits, process and purpose.

To ready yourself and your cancer registry for 2010 data changes, you are encouraged to read the article named *Be Prepared* and to use the *Registrar's Check List for 2010 Data Change Implementation*. You will find the link in the *Be Prepared* article.

Rethinking How to Classify Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasms Wendy Cozen, D.O, M.P.H.

Cancers were originally named and classified for their anatomic site and cell of origin. Epidemiologists, pathologists and oncologists have somewhat different goals with respect to disease classification:

- Epidemiologists want to predict causal factors.
- Pathologists want to predict the natural history.
- Oncologists want to predict outcome and response to treatment.

Open Main Article: [Rethinking How to Classify Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasms](#)

Audit Corner By Kyle Ziegler, C.T.R.

The Data Standards and Quality Control (DSQC) Unit performs recoding audits throughout the year. These audits are performed to monitor the quality of the data in the California Cancer Registry (CCR) database, Eureka.

The results of these audits are used to identify education and training needs, profile trends in discrepancies, and identify needed revisions to Volume I. The audit findings can also serve as the basis for presentations at regional, state or national workshops, or educational conferences. Other benefits of these audits include ...

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Be Prepared By Katheryne Vance, BA, CTR

According to Wikipedia, "Be Prepared", the Scout Motto of the Scout Movement in various languages, has been used by millions of Scouts around the world since 1907. Over 100 years later, the motto is still valid and timely. The 2010 data changes provide the cancer registry profession perfect opportunity to "Be Prepared". Countless hours by countless individuals by the standard setters (CoC, SEER, and NPCR) have brought these changes to fruition and 2010 is here!

The CCR has devoted much time by numerous individuals to allow these changes to be implemented as smoothly as possible. In the past few weeks, your email inbox has received several DSQC statewide memos, DSQC 2010 Data Changes Alerts, and educational opportunities notifications, to keep you informed of the

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latest information and to prepare you for this data implementation. Are we forgetting anything? We certainly hope not! Registrars need to be prepared too. [Follow this link for a check list that will aid you in being prepared.](#)

Chirps!

Chirps are observations, comments, and notations that are being passed along with the goal that registrars will apply these chirps to their abstracting styles. Think of these as friendly reminders or chirps.

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