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Educational Opportunities

November 9, 2009; C-CCRA
Educational and Business Meeting,
Fresno Community Hospital, Fresno.
Contact: Ellen Malek. [Email](#)

November 20, 2009: N-CCRA
Annual Meeting, Sutter Roseville
Medical Center, Roseville. Contact:
Michelle Troja, [Email](#)

December 9, 2009: SCCRA Annual
Meeting, Hoag Memorial Hospital,
Newport Beach. Contact: Stephanie
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Reminders

The latest SING citations are
available on the CCR web site. They
are listed monthly under Registrar
Resources. To assist registrars in
accessing SEER SING, a direct link

About This Issue

By Katheryne Vance, BA, CTR

The old cartoon that shows a
cancer registrar with stacks of
medical records along with
open manuals and books on
the desk with the caption:
"Please let me finish this
abstract before the rules
change" comes to mind as we
anticipate 2010 Data Changes.



If you feel that significant data
changes have come along
faster and faster these past years, you are correct; we
live and work in a fast paced environment. New
technology and advances in medicine demand that
cancer registry information keep pace with this new
information. We must remain relevant in order to be
effective. *The Data They Are A Changin'.....Again*
contains the CCR's education and training plans for
CSv2 and information regarding the SEER webinar
series on the new MP/H for Hematopoietic and
Lymphoma Primaries.

The data items Occupation and Industry are not new
data items yet they remain an important piece of
information for researchers. The article *Occupation and
Industry* describes methods of standardizing data
collection for the purpose of potential automation. This is
a first in a series of articles on occupation and industry.

I would like to welcome Dennis O'Neal, Business Analyst
in the CCR's Data Standards and Quality Control Unit,
as assistant editor. This is Dennis' first solo issue. He
has made the transition seamless!

The Data They Are A Changin'.....Again
By Michelle King, CTR
and Katheryne Vance, BA, CTR

It seems that we implemented Collaborative Staging just
a year or two ago. It is hard to believe that we are
approaching six years of using Collaborative Staging! It

has also been added. [Open to SEER SINC.](#)

Registrars are encouraged to take advantage of obtaining continuing education available through the Colon Module available on the CCR web site.

Beginning in January 2010, the CCR will no longer require reporting borderline ovarian tumors.

Educational information and CE opportunities are posted on the CCR web site, under Registrar Resources, Registrar Training.

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is a testament to all that data changes can go smoothly with well educated and trained registrars. With that in mind, we look forward to a smooth transition to Collaborative Stage Data System (CSv2) and the new Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules for Hematopoietic and Lymphoma primaries both of which are effective with cases diagnosed January 1, 2010. You are probably wondering what training opportunities will be available to learn about the changes in coding and data collection. The following information should allay your concerns and assist you in planning for these changes.

[Open Main Article: The Data They Are A Changin'.....Again](#)

Occupation and Industry By Crickett Dyke, CTR

In this time of economic cutbacks, the CCR is looking to automate as many processes as possible while still maintaining quality and accuracy. One of the areas that the CCR is looking into potentially autocoding are the OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY fields.

As autocoding is being developed for more and more processes, standardization becomes of paramount importance, especially in text only fields.

A pair of our 'text only' fields are the Occupation and Industry fields, There are many common occupation and industry combinations that make it possible for software to 'read' the words and be able to assign codes automatically, but only if standardized language is used in those fields.

[Open Main Article: Occupation and Industry](#)

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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