

## REGIONAL REGISTRIES

### Department of Health Services California Cancer Registry

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Sacramento, CA 94234-7320  
(916) 327-4663  
FAX: (916) 327-4657  
[www.ccrca.org](http://www.ccrca.org)

### Region 1/8

(SF Bay Area/Santa Clara)  
Northern California  
Cancer Center  
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Suite 600  
Union City, CA 94587  
(510) 429-2500  
FAX: (510) 429-2550  
[www.nccc.org](http://www.nccc.org)

### Region 2

(Central Valley)  
Cancer Registry of Central  
California  
1625 East Shaw Avenue,  
Suite 155  
Fresno, CA 93710-8100  
(559) 244-4550  
Fax: (559) 221-1821

### Region 3

(Sacramento)  
Cancer Surveillance Program  
2800 L Street, Suite 440  
Sacramento, CA 95816  
(916) 454-6522  
FAX: (916) 454-6523

### Region 4

(Tri-County)  
Tri-Counties Regional  
Cancer Registry  
345 Camino Del Remedio,  
Room 340  
Santa Barbara, CA 93110  
(805) 681-5136  
FAX: (805) 681-5159

### Region 5

(Inland)  
Desert Sierra Cancer  
Surveillance Program  
11368 Mountain View Avenue,  
Suite C  
Loma Linda, CA 92354  
(909) 558-6170  
FAX: (909) 558-6178

### Region 6

(North)  
Cancer Registry of  
Northern California  
1560 Humboldt Road, Suite 4  
Chico, CA 95928  
(530) 345-2483  
FAX: (530) 345-3214

### Region 9

(Los Angeles)  
Cancer Surveillance Program  
University of Southern California  
1540 Alcazar St., CHP-204  
Los Angeles, CA 90033-9921  
(323) 442-2300  
FAX: (323) 442-2301

### Region 10/7

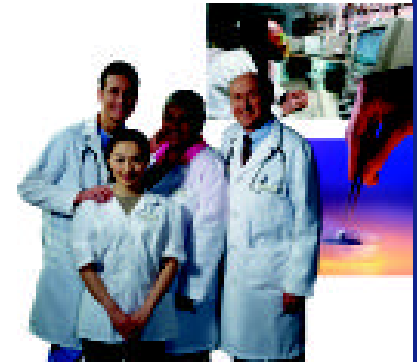
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# CCR

CALIFORNIA CANCER REGISTRY

*Searching for Causes & Cures*

# THE CALIFORNIA CANCER REGISTRY A RESOURCE AND A RESPONSIBILITY FOR CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS



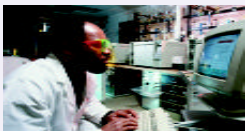
## THE CALIFORNIA CANCER REGISTRY – SEARCHING FOR CAUSES AND CURES

California's population-based cancer reporting system, the California Cancer Registry (CCR), is an essential tool in the effort to prevent and control this devastating disease. Its mission is primary, secondary and tertiary cancer prevention. The CCR is managed by the California Department of Health Services (DHS) in collaboration with the Public Health Institute and eight regional cancer registries.

The CCR's accurate and comprehensive data on cancer incidence and mortality among California's diverse population groups and regions provide the basis for biomedical and epidemiological research throughout the state. Over 200 research projects have used CCR data since the registry became statewide in 1988. The central and regional registries analyze and publish cancer data for the state, regions and individual counties; CCR staff also work with the American Cancer Society to produce the annual *California Cancer Facts & Figures*.

Other uses of CCR data include:

- studying cancer risk factors and stage at diagnosis among different socioeconomic and ethnic groups
- measurement of the success of education and screening programs
- development and targeting of resources
- assessment of cancer incidence in occupational and other groups
- evaluation of treatment alternatives



## INFORMATION FOR PHYSICIANS

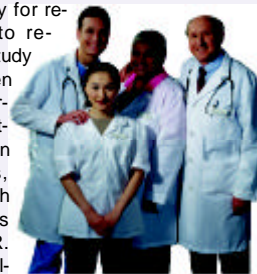
Physicians and the public can contact the regional registries or the central registry to obtain copies of reports on incidence and mortality rates. The CCR's web page – [www.ccrca.org](http://www.ccrca.org) – provides on-line cancer incidence data and reports. In addition, physicians can obtain:

- data to study special areas of interest
- data on the distributions of specific types of cancer
- numbers of cases in various geographic areas
- information to answer patients' questions and concerns about cancer

Physicians can also refer patients to their regional registry for additional information. (*see back page*)

## CONFIDENTIALITY

State law requires that the confidentiality of all identifying information be strictly maintained. The CCR takes this responsibility very seriously, and enforces strict procedures to protect patient confidentiality. Confidential data can be released only for research purposes to researchers whose study protocols have been accepted by a federally approved committee for the protection of human subjects, and who comply with additional conditions specified by the CCR. Absolute confidential-



ity has been maintained in the more than 50 years that DHS has managed a cancer registry.

## PHYSICIAN REPORTING

Cancer is a reportable disease. California law requires all hospitals, physicians and certain other health care providers to report to the California Cancer Registry (CCR) every cancer diagnosis made in California. The exceptions are basal and squamous cell carcinomas of the skin other than on the genitalia, and carcinoma in situ of the cervix, and intraepithelial neoplasia grade III (CIN III) of the cervix.

Physicians must report only cancer patients diagnosed and treated solely in the office setting, that is, patients who do not enter a hospital or treatment facility. Most individual physicians are likely to see only a small number of patients whom they need report, but for the CCR these patients are vitally important. Types of cancer that sometimes are seen only in the office setting include malignant melanoma, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, chronic myelogenous leukemia, prostate cancer, transitional cell carcinoma of the bladder, and breast cancer. If these cancers are underreported, the cancer site distribution for California will be distorted. For California to have accurate cancer incidence information, the complete reporting of all cases is critical.

It is the physician's responsibility to complete a Confidential Physician Cancer Reporting Form, for all cases not entering a hospital or treatment facility, and send it to the Regional Cancer Registry. The regional registries are listed on the back of this brochure, and reporting instructions are detailed in [Cancer Reporting in California. Reporting Procedures for Physicians](#), which is available from the regional cancer registries or the CCR.