

## Membership Information

Membership to OCRA is \$40.00 per year. Dues are due by October 1 of each year. If you would like to join OCRA, please complete the information provided below and submit a check, cash, or money order to the OCRA Treasurer. See OCRA website:

[www.ocra-oregon.org](http://www.ocra-oregon.org)

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**Oregon  
Cancer  
Registrars'  
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▶ Working towards  
excellence in  
cancer registration



## The Cancer Registrar and the Hospital Cancer Program

The Cancer Registrar is a respected and valued member of the hospital's cancer program. The program's main purpose is to oversee state-of-the-art cancer care to all patients. The registrar works closely with physicians, hospital administration, and other allied health professionals in maintaining a database on patient care, which is evaluated and studied periodically.



A Cancer Registrar collects, records, and analyzes data on patients diagnosed with cancer. The Registrar maintains follow-up of each cancer patient for their lifetime. This provides survival statistics and treatment efficacy.

### OCRA is-

An organization dedicated to the professionalism of the Cancer Registrar, providing educational opportunities and networking for those dedicated to quality cancer data

## OCRA-The Purpose

The Oregon Cancer Registrar's Association (OCRA) provides a networking system for registrars. OCRA meets bimonthly with educational programs and a bimonthly newsletter is published and mailed to the membership. The association sponsors the OCRA Fall Workshop which:



- Enhances the registrars' knowledge of cancer diagnosis, staging, and treatment
- Further develops registry skills
- Provides up-to-date changes in the field

OCRA workshops and programs are recognized by the National Cancer Registrars' Association (NCRA), and continuing education credits are earned for members credentialed in the field. Certification has been offered by NCRA since 1983, and all registrars are encouraged to become Certified Tumor Registrars (CTR).

The Oregon Division of the American Cancer Society (ACS) has been a staunch supporter of the organization by assisting the educational needs of the membership.



The American College of Surgeons, Commission on Cancer has provided speakers for workshops, to inform registrars of cancer program requirements and ways to meet them.

## OCRA Membership

Active members include those registrars working in a hospital-based registry or the state central cancer registry. Backgrounds include Registered Health Information Technicians (RHIT), Certified Tumor Registrars (CTR), nurses and other allied health professionals.

## The Future

This is an ever changing and challenging field. The Commission on Cancer is requiring more data collection, and the demand for data analysis has increased. Hospital administrators are interested to know the impact of cancer care on the financial future, and the Cancer Registrar will play an increasingly important role in patient care development.