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History of OCRA Oregon Cancer Registrar's Association

Oregon Tumor Registrar's Association (OTRA) was established in the mid 70's and was changed to Oregon Cancer Registrar's Association (OCRA) in 1987. The exact membership total is unknown for the early years but a roster was found from 1979 with 41 members. OCRA now has a total of 71 members consisting of 61 active, 8 associate and 2 honorary members.

The first CTR exam was offered in 1983 and a large group from Oregon formed a study group and took the exam. OCRA also has a CTR scholarship award that was started years ago. In 2002, it was renamed the Michele Henson, CTR, Scholarship Award, in memory of a fellow registrar. The Association encourages obtaining your credentials, and the award is now given twice a year. In the past year we have had 9 registrars' pass the CTR exam.

OCRA holds two workshops a year. The spring workshop is a one-day meeting and the fall workshop is a two-day meeting with one of those days being put on by OSCaR.

OCRA participates within the community by participating in the Relay For Life in Portland, Oregon. This will be the 3rd year. OCRA makes a donation to Portland's Golf Club, "In the Pink", for breast cancer research by sponsoring a golf hole at a tournament. OCRA makes another donation to the American Cancer Society.

The Oregon Comprehensive Cancer Program started in 1976 and ended in 1983. Oregon was without a state registry until it was passed through legislature in 1995, making cancer a reportable disease in 1996. With that, the Oregon State Cancer Registry (OSCaR) was formed and started with a staff of 4. Currently, OSCaR consists of 10 staff.