

OREGON CANCER REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,

Time as usual has gone by way too fast again!! Hard to believe our Fall Workshop has already come and gone. Kudos to the Education Committee, you did a fantastic job. It's great to see so many new and participating members in our group too.

I would like to extend another big thank you to all of the Executive Committee officers I had the pleasure and honor of serving with this past year. As Mickey Rooney says; "If you want to improve yourself, then spend time with others smarter than you".

Also thank you to all of the new officers for volunteering their time and efforts for 2010. I wish you the best of success in your term.

Reminder's:

- **OCRA membership due before end of December**
- **2009 NCRA conference CD is available in our library. See the website for the request form, contact Julie McKim.**
- **Consider volunteering for one of the 2010 committees – By-laws and Education committee (contact Paulette Bethune).**
- **Check the OCRA website – there will be many updates in the next couple of months with our change of officers and revised forms.**
- **CTR scholarship application deadline to Executive committee no later than Jan 15th, 2010 for the March exam. See the website for details.**
- **NCRA education fund application due to 2010 President (Martha Curl) no later than Jan 31st, 2010. Again, see the website for details.**

Hope everyone had wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. By the way we have less than 25 shopping days before Christmas. Enjoy the holiday moments and wish you a terrific and prosperous New Year.

Connie Winkler, 2009 President

Fall 2009 Edition

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FUND RAISING BREAKFAST FOR KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

Together we can make a difference.

Note: Tumor Registry was able to raise \$602.00 dollars.

On July 22, 2009, Kaiser Permanente Tumor Registry staff sponsored a breakfast fundraiser for the Process Center staff. Each TR staff contributed and prepared breakfast casseroles, streusels, bacon, sausages, and hash browns. There were rolls, pastries, cut-up fruits, and juice to go with the entree.

It was a successful and effortless fundraiser; every one who came for breakfast asked the Tumor Registry staff if we would do this again next year. Some even gave extra money for donation. It is for a good cause, and I believe we might do it again.

Our "kudos" to our Team captain Carol Funk and co-captain Shannon Ibabao who spearheaded the fundraising. Same goes to Terri Crandell, Paulette Bethune, Jessica Locke and the rest of the Tumor Registry who helped in the success of the event.

We had a good time and of course, plenty of yummy food to go around.

Submitted by: Norie Vogt, CTR
KPNW Sunnyside

Survey Tips

The Tumor Registry at Kaiser Permanente went through the accreditation survey with the Commission on Cancer in October. We had the good fortune of having Dr. Frederick Greene as our surveyor.

Dr. Greene's approach was as an advocate for the cancer program and registry. He discussed changes such as the required elements in the pathology reports will become a part of the CAP inspection process in the future and thus acknowledged by the Commission on Cancer. A chart review will not be necessary for this at time of CoC survey. He just lightly touched on Standard 4.3 clinical/working stages, prognostic indicators and reference to national guidelines in treatment planning. This will become much more of a focus in the next survey cycle.

Starting in 2010, the CoC will require either a CEO or COO to be present at the time of survey.

Dr. Greene did a chart review of 30 charts for Standard 3.3 abstracting timeframe. He also reviewed 25 additional charts chosen from NCDB to review for concordance of one of the cancer program practice profile reports (CP3R). The CP3R chosen was radiation therapy administered with 1 year of diagnosis for women under age 70 receiving breast conserving surgery for breast cancer. He verified treatment start dates with the medical record information. If treatment was not given, he reviewed the documentation as to why and also how this was coded in the Registry.

We wanted to share this information for future surveys as we breathe a big sigh of relief for at least three more years. Having gone through many surveys, this one was a good experience. But there is no time like the present to start preparing for the next one!

Sincerely,
Vicki Shindler
Kaiser Tumor Registry

Announcements

Need a new 2010 calendar? Well, Martha is the person to contact. Martha has created a laminated calendar bearing the OCRA logo and is selling the calendars for \$5 each.

If you are interested in purchasing a calendar for your office or home, please contact Martha Curl at 541-935-2791 or Martha.curl@providenc.org



I & R Responses

Question:

At our facility endometrial bx path report stated endometrioid adenocarcinoma & carcinosarcoma. Pt goes to another facility for surgery & their path states endometrioid adenocarcinoma however pathologist review of bx path & surgical path changes histology to endometrioid carcinoma of endometrium with squamous & sarcomatous differentiation. IHC stains positive consist with sarcomatous differentiation. Should the histology be 8323/3 mixed adenocarcinoma per MPH rules or 8980/3 carcinosarcoma?

The response from the curator, SEER/MP/H was:

Because the carcinosarcoma is not listed on Other Table 2, we cannot follow Other H16 and use 8323/3. Follow rule H17 and code 8980/3.

Question:

Pt dx with RAEB-1 on at another facility 10/08, came to my facility 1/09 for second opinion--decision was for BMT. Donor search was initiated. 5/09 donor was found and 5/09 new BM bx--MD states pt progressed to RAEB-2 and postponed BMT. 5/09 started pt on Chemo to reduce tumor burden, then 9/09 pt had BMT. Is chemo and BMT still 1st course of tx?

In Reply:

No this in second course treatment. First course treatment stops once there is progression of disease.



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Helpful Resources

Cancer Registrar Training:

[Training for the Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules - Recordings of the online MP/H Rules Training sessions.](#)
[SEER's Training Web Site](#) - Web-based training modules for cancer registration and surveillance.

[SEER Self Instructional Manuals for Tumor Registrars](#) - A collection of instructional manuals in PDF format.

<http://seer.cancer.gov/seerinqury/index.php>

Resources Beyond SEER:

[Commission on Cancer \(ACoS CoC\) Education Program](#)
[National Cancer Registrars Association \(NCRA\) Educational Resources](#)

[National Program of Cancer Registries \(NPCR\) Training](#)
[North American Association of Central Cancer Registries \(NAACCR\) Education & Training](#)

[Principles of Oncology for Cancer Registry Professionals](#)

Websites:

[American Cancer Association \(www.cancer.org\)](http://www.cancer.org)

[American College of Surgeons \(www.facs.org\)](http://www.facs.org)

[Cancer Registrar Group \(Yahoo\) \(groups.yahoo.com/group/cancerregistrargroup/\)](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/cancerregistrargroup/)

[cancer.gov \(NCI\) \(www.cancer.gov\)](http://www.cancer.gov)

[CancerLinks \(www.cancerlinks.com\)](http://www.cancerlinks.com)

[OSCAR \(www.healthoregon.org/oscar/\)](http://www.healthoregon.org/oscar/)

Message from the Editor

Dear Fellow Registrars,

Thank you to everyone that submitted articles for this edition of the OCRA Newsletter!

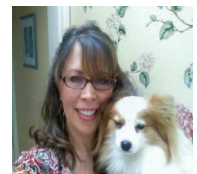
Recently, I decided I needed a little more time to focus on my family and allow others to experience the rewards of supporting OCRA, so I am pleased to announce that Shannon Ramos has graciously volunteered to be the newsletter editor. Once things slow down for me, maybe I can relieve Shannon for a bit.

Shannon is currently employed at OHSU and is amazing with computers/design. I am sure she is going to do the best newsletter work ever. **THANK YOU SHANNON!**

Please email any articles, I & R responses, job postings, treatment information, or suggestions for the newsletter to: ramoss@ohsu.edu

Thank you everyone! Working on the newsletter was a pleasure!
Sorry...finally got an editor picture posted, better late than never!

Laura Wallace, RHIT, CTR
Editor



Me and baby Sadie!