

## Presidential Opening

By Shelley Lindsey

Once again time stops for no one. It seems like just minutes ago I was composing my first message of the year yet here we are into the second quarter and Spring has arrived for many. In my neck of the woods, Sunriver, Oregon, that isn't always the case. Springtime for us seems to come a little later.

The Executive Committee is meeting for even months this year. You may have noticed the membership options have changed with this year's renewal. Membership options have been simplified. Spread the word, students are FREE!

-Active Membership is defined as CTR or persons whose primary occupation is involved with any or all facets of cancer registry work. Active members can vote, hold office, or chair a committee.

-Student Membership is free of charge and includes persons who do not meet Active Membership and are enrolled in an allied health care curriculum. Student members can maintain this classification, for now, for more than one consecutive two-year period. Student members may serve on committees, but shall not vote, hold office, or chair a committee.

The Nominating Committee will soon be reaching out to you for consideration of running for an office.



Portland Oregon

If you aren't certain as to what the job entails, there are detailed job descriptions that outline what to do and when for each Executive Committee position. These are located under the Members Only section of the OCRA website. See *Duties*.

The Education Committee is discussing a one-day workshop later during the year free of charge and attended from the comfort of your own home. Speakers would be members of OCRA providing one-hour educational training on common registry obstacles. CEU's will be made available. If you have any ideas for content or are interested in being considered as a speaker, please contact Nicole Davis, Education Committee Chair, at [ndavis@peacehealth.org](mailto:ndavis@peacehealth.org). Again, this is in the discussion stages and your input is appreciated.

The Welcome Committee is currently revising some older processes and is working on a Practicum Liaison process that will identify hospitals that can facilitate students requiring practicum hours for CTR courses. If you are a registry manager, you will be contacted at some point during 2021. We hope to have a process ready to roll out by 2022.

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The Audit/Finance committee has been combined and I am happy to report that the Audit portion of the committee completed their tasks in January.

If you are looking to ease yourself into OCRA committees, the Audit portion of this committee is a good place to start.

The By-Laws Committee (aka Deb Towell) is always rewording, revising, and updating information, especially during times of change. Thank you, Deb, for your willingness to always Chair this committee.

The Communications Committee, which includes our new Newsletter Editor, Shannon Kearbey, and our Webmaster, Carol Funk remain active and available. If you have newsletter submissions, please contact Shannon at [Htech72@gmail.com](mailto:Htech72@gmail.com).

*Happy Spring to you all.*



By Linda Shan

## Reminder :

The OSCaR Coalition meetings will be happening the third Wednesday of each even month (April, June, etc.). If you have any agenda items and/or questions you would like to review at these meetings please email Linda Shan at [Linda.Y.Shan@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:Linda.Y.Shan@dhsosha.state.or.us)

Calendar invites have gone out for 2021 and if you did not receive the invite but want to attend please email Linda at the email above.

## SEER SING Q&A Moment

### Question 2020045

Diagnostic confirmation-- Heme & Lymphoid Neoplasms: Is Diagnostic Confirmation coded to 5 or 8 based on a patient diagnosed as multiple myeloma by a physician based on a bone marrow biopsy stating plasma cell neoplasm? See Discussion.

### Discussion:

Bone marrow, right iliac crest (aspirate smear, touch preparation, clot section and core biopsy): Hypercellular marrow (40-50%) with plasma cell neoplasm (see Comment): – No evidence of metastatic carcinoma. – Adequate iron storage.

**Comment:** CBC data shows normocytic anemia. Flow cytometric analysis of bone marrow detects a kappa restricted plasma cell population that expresses CD138 and CD38. CD56 is positive. CD19 and CD20 are negative.

T lymphocytes are immunophenotypically unremarkable. Polyclonal B lymphocytes are detected. Blast gate is not significantly increased.

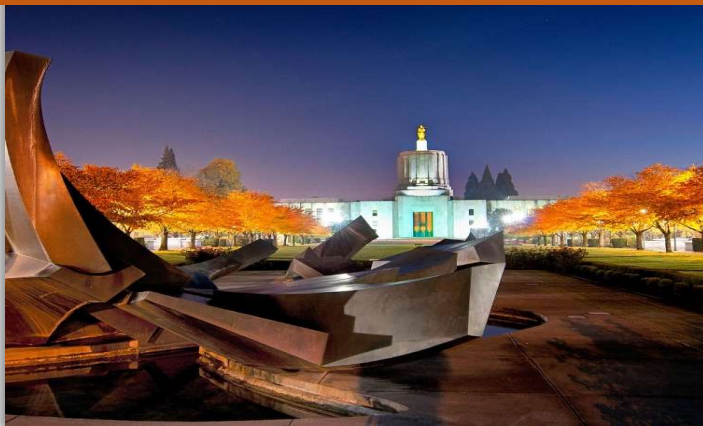
Immunohistochemical stains are performed on the biopsy core and clot section for greater sensitivity and further architectural assessment with Adequate controls. CD138 positive plasma cells comprise > 70% of the total cellularity. AE1/AE3 is negative. Taken together, the morphologic and immunophenotypic findings are consistent with a diagnosis of plasma cell neoplasm. Trilineage hematopoietic activity is seen.

### Answer:

This would be a Diagnostic Confirmation of 8 based on the physician's diagnosis. The Pathology report mentions plasma cell neoplasm only. By itself, plasma cell neoplasm is not reportable because it includes a variety of diseases, some that are not reportable, and some that are. (See Hematopoietic Database under Plasma Cell Neoplasm.)

The physician probably has other information, including imaging, which may show lytic lesions. He/she is probably using clinical findings, plus findings from the bone marrow, and diagnosing this patient with multiple myeloma.

# What's Happening at The State



The next Coalition meeting on 4/21/2021 we will be discussing:  
**Text Field for Place of Diagnosis.**

Source:

<https://seer.cancer.gov/seerquery/index.php?page=view&id=20200045&type=q>

## Reportability Changes for DX 2021 and forward:

Early or evolving melanoma in situ, or any other early or evolving melanoma, are reportable.

**All GIST tumors** are reportable and classified as 8936/3 in ICD-O-3.2.

*Nearly all thymomas are reportable;* the exceptions are

- microscopic thymoma or thymoma benign (8580/0),
- micronodular thymoma with lymphoid stroma (8580/1),
- and ectopic hamartomatous thymoma (8587/0).

Source:

[https://www.naaccr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-Implementation-Guidelines\\_20201009.pdf](https://www.naaccr.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/2021-Implementation-Guidelines_20201009.pdf)

## Newly Reportable Terms for 2021

**-Early/evolving melanoma in situ (8720/2)**

**-Early/evolving melanoma, invasive (8720/3)**

These terms are ***not*** listed in ICD-O-3.2.

-New histology ***terms*** are identified by a single asterik (\*) in the histology table in the Terms and Definitions section.

-Early/evolving melanoma in situ in and invasive have double asteriks (\*\*) because they are not listed in ICD-O-3.2.

-No new cutaneous melanoma ICD-O histology codes have been proposed by WHO.



Salem, Oregon





This is our new welcome corner.  
Where we (that means all OCRA members) will be sending in posts for new members, new CTRs, new babies, new etc...

Welcome: Laura Myers to OCRA and Providence Oregon.

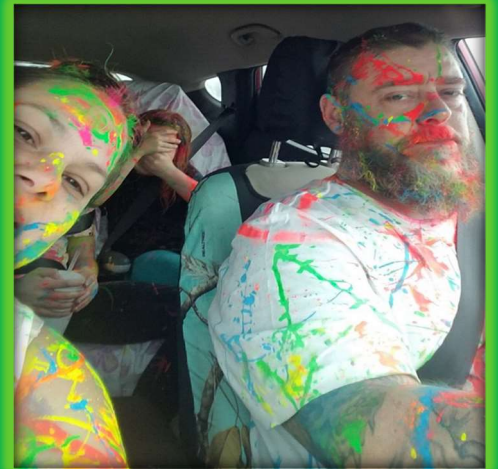
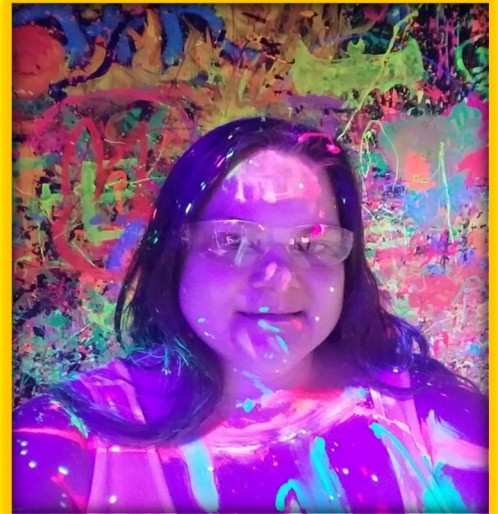
Welcome Quest Finn Atkinson born on 3/19/21. (Shannon Kearbey's Grandson)

Welcome to the World, Edie Ruth Lindsey born on 2/19/21. (Shelley Lindsey's Granddaughter)



## Spring Break Fun!

Here are the pictures from the "Spring Break Fun" sent in by Nicole Davis and Family:

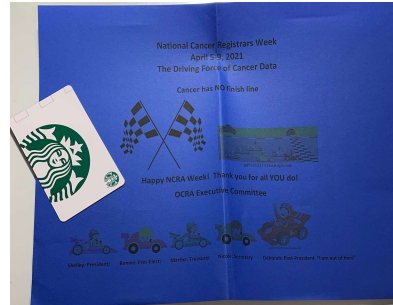


Let's keep the weekend fun day pictures going, especially since we have some nice warm days coming up. If you have any pictures of your fun weekends that you would like to share with the members please send them to me Shannon Kearbey (your newsletter editor) at [htech72@gmail.com](mailto:htech72@gmail.com), or to Nicole Davis at [NDavis@peacehealth.org](mailto:NDavis@peacehealth.org) and we will include them in the next Summer OCRA newsletter.

# National Cancer Registrars Week

## NCRW OCRA Winners

The winner is.....Bev Brookshire from Peace Health SW Washington



Hi OCRA members-  
This is the email that went out from Martha Curl mid-March:

An envelope is on its way to you. Perhaps you will get it this weekend or early next week. There is one out there that has a blue sheet in it. If you take a picture of it and email me or text me, you will get an extra surprise.

We have had a few changes to the roster this week, so if you keep one, you may want to update it with a new one. Also, there will be a couple members that don't receive a packet and that is because we don't have your mailing address.

On behalf of the OCRA Executive Committee, thank you for all you do!

Martha Curl, CTR  
OCRA Treasurer 2021-2022



Oregon Cancer  
Registrars Association

Have a happy National  
Cancer Registrars Week!

By Shannon Kearbey, Newsletter  
Editor.



- **WINNER**-The envelope arrived yesterday afternoon. I got the blue sign and a card!!!! Yay! Very nice surprise, thank you very much – Bev
- Thank you for the surprise. I really appreciate the pad and Starbucks. Especially nice surprise since I did not get my stuff from NCRA as I guess it must have been mailed to Hospital this year. Thank you so much to each one of you for all that you do and for continuing to keep OCRA strong and even during these difficult times!!! Very much appreciated! Hats off to ya! Jen J.
- Thank you for the thoughtful gift and note! I feel very blessed to be part of such an amazing group of professionals. Thanks again! Jessica H.
- Thank you for the Starbucks card :- ) Laura Myers
- I just got my envelope in the mail yesterday from all of you. Thanks so much! Have a wonderful day! Carol Funk
- Thanks for the gift from OCRA, it arrived last night. (3/15) Lori L
- Thanks Martha! I love coffee. No blue for me. Connie W
- Got mine this weekend, sadly it did not contain the Blue sheet. But Thank You All so much for the Coffee Card, much appreciated and very unexpected!! Jodi P
- I got mine today! Thank you so much! J I love it! Alesha E.
- So appreciative of the Starbucks card in recognition of National Cancer Registrar's Week! Thank you to everyone on the OCRA EC! Have a great day, Veronica B.
- Thank you for the Starbucks card too! Laura N.

**Extra! Extra!** OCRA is planning an online 1-day workshop  
in the fall!

Would you like to "host" an hour of education?  
Please email Nicole Davis if you want more information or  
are interested. [NDavis@peacehealth.org](mailto:NDavis@peacehealth.org)