

# OREGON CANCER REGISTRARS ASSOCIATION

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

August 7, 2017

### *Note from our President,*

Greetings friends...

Wow! Summer is here and I hope you are all able to enjoy some sunshine and you are not melting in the heat!

The nominating committee has worked hard this year to fill the executive team positions. It takes a great team to run a great organization. I would encourage you to consider running for an office next year. If you are nervous about the commitment and work there is always someone who will coach you and answer questions. You will find it a rewarding experience.

I want to express appreciation to this year's executive team. We have super members and it has been a pleasure to work with them.

I want to remind you that we do not have a host hospital for next year's Conference. Again, there are plenty of people to help and coach you along the way If you are willing to host.

Best Regards,

*Carol Funk, CTR*

### *SPEAKING OF VOLUNTEERING!*

**Are you looking to volunteer? This is my first-time volunteering for NCRA as one of the West Nominating Committee Members and I would love to be able to get another Oregon representative to volunteer for a position. There are several positions that you can volunteer for and if you are hesitant, start small.**

**Please contact me for any questions.**

**Looking forward to hearing from you.**

**Martha Curl, CTR**

REMEMBER:



OCRA IS GOOD FOR YOU! 😊

*OSCaR ALWAYS HAS SOME GOOD TIPS FOR US!*

*(Don't forget to thank them and let them know we appreciate them very much!)*

*GREETINGS FROM OSCaR!*



We would like to thank all of those who participated in the OSCaR survey back in March. We appreciated the feedback and heard your concerns. We are piloting a new optional monthly call-in that is your dedicated time with us. It will be held every third Wednesday of the month from 8:15-9am. It's a great time to ask as questions, find out what's going on in OSCaR, and listen in on updates.

Please remember to submit your questions to Linda Shan at [linda.y.shan@state.or.us](mailto:linda.y.shan@state.or.us) one week prior to our call-in meeting. I will also send out courtesy reminders through the listserv.

And as always, please feel free to contact anyone here at OSCaR if you have any questions.

### **Social Security Numbers (SS#)**

One of the common errors we often find on consolidated cases and/or multiple sequence cases is the SS# being misreported and/or entered incorrectly. We just want to remind everyone to please be diligent in entering the correct SS# into the abstract and/or to check against the medical record when needed.

## Required Site-Specific Factors for 2016+ cases

Site specific factors (SSFs) that impact directly-assigned AJCC-TNM 7th Edition Stage Group (e.g. PSA for prostate) or that are prognostic factors of interest, remain important to collect for cancer surveillance. Please be sure to include these in your abstracts. The Collaborative Stage SSF data items will continue to be used for this purpose.

**Source:** [NAACCR 2016 Implementation Guidelines Version 1.5, Tables 1 & 2](#)

Site (CS Schema)	SSF	Description
Appendix	SSF11	Histopathologic Grading
Brain, CNS Other, Intracranial Gland	SSF 1	WHO Grade
Breast	SSF 1, 2 SSF 8, 9 SSF 11, 13 SSF 14, 15 SSF 16	ERA, PRA HER2: IHC Value & Interpretation HER2: FISH & CISH Interpretation HER2: Other Test & Summary of results Combination of ERA, PRA & HER2 Testing
GISTPeritoneum	SSF 5 and 10	Mitotic Count; Location of Primary Tumor
GIST Esophagus, GIST Small Intestine, GIST Stomach	SSF 6	Mitotic Count
GIST Appendix, GIST Colon, GIST Rectum	SSF 11	Mitotic Count
MycosisFungoides	SSF 1	Peripheral Blood Involvement
Placenta	SSF 1	Prognostic Scoring Index
Prostate	SSF 1 SSF 8 & 10	PSA Lab Value Gleason Score on biopsy & prostatectomy
Testis	SSF 13, 15, 16	Post Orchiectomy AFP, hCG, and LDH Range
BileDuctsDistal, BileDuctsPerihilar, CysticDuct, EsophagusGEJunction, LacrimalGland, LacrimalSac, Melanoma CiliaryBody, Melanomalris, Nasopharynx, PharyngealTonsil, Stomach	25	Schema Discriminator

## OSCaR RA Update:

One of the essential aspects of the work conducted by the OSCaR program is providing data for cancer research projects aimed at improving the quality of cancer treatment and survivorship. OSCaR uses the data submitted by various cancer reporters in Oregon to identify patients diagnosed with cancer and to provide those patients with the opportunity to participate in studies that contribute to the cancer knowledge base. Patients participating in these studies are typically invited to complete surveys or to participate directly in interventions that are designed to improve the quality of life for cancer survivors.

In the past, OSCaR has coordinated patient recruitments so that the initial patient contact came from OSCaR, however, these recruitments require significant staff time and resources. As part of efforts to improve the efficiency of registry operations, OSCaR has changed its approach to coordinating these patient recruitment projects. Now, research staff will be required to handle the initial patient contacts for these recruitment studies, as is permitted under section 333-010-055 of the Oregon Administrative Rules. As with any research study, proposals for patient recruitment studies are reviewed and approved by both the OSCaR Advisory Committee and the Oregon Public Health Institutional Review Board before any patient information is released, to ensure that the researchers comply with patient confidentiality and data security guidelines.

This change in OSCaR's research procedures will reduce the amount of OSCaR staff time required for these patient recruitment projects, which will increase the potential for OSCaR staff to work on additional research studies and further contribute to the scientific knowledge base for cancer. We want you to know that your work in compiling and reporting cancer data to OSCAR is essential to the efforts to reduce the burden of cancer, both locally and nationally. In short, your data is used to improve the prevention, early detection, and treatment of cancer, and OSCaR is continuously looking for ways to expand and improve the way we put your data to work.

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***Congratulations are in Order to our new CTRs !!***

Anne Powell from Salem Health to Molly Sengvongxay from Legacy. We are proud of you and wish you long and enriching careers in this exciting field.

***The Nominating Committee***

The Nominating Committee works hard to get members to consider participating in the Executive Committee positions. Please consider carefully before saying no... it is a special opportunity to work together to make our organization successful and healthy. It would be

wonderful to see some new faces next year. Ask yourself...how long has it been since you have served? Can you spend just a little time next year helping to make OCRA great? Think about how hard it would be to get our credits and have an opportunity to network with fellow CTR's without OCRA? We rely on our members to keep our team strong!

*OSCaR AND OCRA'S FALL  
EDUCATION CONFERENCE  
UPDATE:*

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in Medford September 27-29<sup>th</sup> for our 2017 OCRA Fall Educational Workshop at the Hilton Garden Inn. The Education Committee has been working hard to put together a great program of speakers and events for you to enjoy. Registration will be available soon, and we will notify you once the Paypal link and final brochure have been updated to the website.

**Speakers** and topics include the following:

- Donna Gress, CTR – AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> edition
- Andreas Rimner MD, Radiation Oncologist from Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center – novel treatments in lung cancer
- George Giacoppe, MD, Pulmonologist – novel techniques and lung cancer screening
- Nancy O'Neal, MD, Breast surgeon – breast cancer topics
- Esther Hehn, DNP – survivorship clinic initiation and care planning lessons learned
- Anthony Mistretta, MD – palliative care
- Zachary Heeter, MD – radiology topics and interventional radiology
- Bryan Wu, MD – pathology topics and staging changes
- Prachi Garodia, MD – cancer nutrition
- Jenica Palmer, MPH – ACS Colorectal Screening best practices
- Karen McMillan – information security
- Maya Hawkins-Carter – clinical trial tracking best practices
- OSCaR topics- SEER Educate, Common Discrepancies, etc.

*Note: we plan to provide all 4 required Category A credits needed for CTR credential maintenance per NCRA.*

**Winery reception:** We will be having an informal networking reception at [2Hawk Winery](#) on Thursday evening from 5-7PM, with transportation from hotels provided by trolley. This winery has several award-winning wines and they have graciously agreed to donate food for our event.

**Hotel information:** - please book by 9/6 to enjoy these rates:

**Hilton Garden Inn –  
Conference location**

\$124 King

\$134 Double Queen

Breakfast- \$7.95 (for OSCAR Day 1- breakfast not provided by conference)

Complimentary airport shuttle

[http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/M/MFRHEGI-ASNTS7-20170926/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://hiltongardeninn.hilton.com/en/gi/groups/personalized/M/MFRHEGI-ASNTS7-20170926/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)

**Homewood Suites –** walking distance to conference hotel

\$124 King

\$149 Double Queen

Complimentary breakfast and evening reception Mon-Thurs

Complimentary airport shuttle

Can accommodate dogs if needed

<http://homewoodsuites.hilton.com/en/hw/groups/personalized/M/MFRHWHW-OCR->



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### **Marriott SpringHill Suites -**

short shuttle ride from conference hotel

\$115 King or Double Queen

Complimentary breakfast

Complimentary airport shuttle

Contact [Cheryl](#) / [541-842-8080](tel:541-842-8080) if you would like to travel with dogs and stay in the TownePlace hotel across the parking lot

[Book your group rate for OCRA 2017](#)

**Raffle:** please plan to participate in the hospital raffle basket portion of our conference. Send photo, description, and value to Teresa

([masont@ohsu.edu](mailto:masont@ohsu.edu)) by August 18<sup>th</sup>.

Some items already procured include:

- Southern Oregon basket – from Asante
- Mystery basket – from Providence
- Hydroflask basket- from St Charles
- Margarita basket – from Bonnie
- Golf basket – from Teresa
- Harry & David gift basket
- Bob's Red Mill gift basket
- Portland Trailblazers basketball signed by whole team
- Portland Trailblazers – LaMarcus Aldridge autographed hat
- Portland Winter Hawk tickets
- Wildlife Safari passes
- Bullwinkles arcade passes & pizza
- Seattle Seahawks laser printed min football
- Seven Feathers 1 night stay and \$40 meal voucher
- Oregon Shakespeare Festival tickets
- Oregon Cabaret Theatre tickets
- Softstar slippers
- Several golf gift certificates
- Several wine tasting gift certificates

- Pittock Mansion passes
- Shilo Inn 1 night stay
- Jerry's Rogue Jets gift certificate
- Moonstruck chocolates
- Etc.

Let us know if you have questions. We look forward to another successful conference this year!

Amanda Foster, CTR  
Education Committee Chair

### ***REMINDER!!!***

Ocra Dues will be due in November, the Fall workshop is a great place to pay up and be ready for the new year. The website will be available to pay dues through paypal starting November 1. The yearly cost is \$45 for active membership!

### ***NOTE FROM YOUR EDITOR:***

I want to thank all of the contributors to the newsletter. I would also like to encourage all of you to share some personal tidbits about your hospital, vacations, family, recipe's or even a fun touch of whimsy like a joke or riddle. I am looking forward to seeing you at the conference. I hope you are all well and staying cool. If not a visit to the South Coast might help! It has been a lovely summer here with the exception of a couple of extra warm days. Some beautiful beaches and outdoor fun.

Bonnie Kubli