

OREGON CANCER REGISTRARS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

President's Message



Dear Fellow Registrars,
Here we are halfway through with 2012 and I hope everybody had a wonderful spring. For those of you who wrote and passed the CTR examination last March, I wish to convey my sincere Congratulations and for the prospective candidate for the fall examination, I wish you Good Luck!

Recently, a survey form was sent to our members asking for feedback regarding the "Future of OCRA". Please, it is important for everyone to send in their thoughts, comments, and actions as to where the organization is heading in the next 5 years, if we want OCRA to continue to function to the level of the original purpose why it was created.

I would also want to take the opportunity to tell you of my last day at Kaiser Permanente, July 2. I will retire but will finish my term as President, will continue to be proactive as a member and will be around to offer my help in catching up of abstracting cases where offered.

There is so much opportunities out there for Registrars and I would encourage everyone to stay abreast of the changes in the Registry field; they are daunting, intimidating, and challenging but at the same time, it will make us and the future Registrars more prepared for what is next to come.

Lastly, I am requesting a volunteer to host the 2013 Fall Workshop. If there will be no volunteers, then the 2012 EC will decide and may resort to assign a facility.
Have a wonderful summer.

Norie

Summer Time

Summer 2012

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CTR exam scholarships:

As a reminder for anyone who is planning on taking the exam in the future there are scholarships available to help either defray the cost of the exam itself or to provide funding for educational tools:

MICHELE HENSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP available thru ORCA which pays for the cost of the exam up to the NCRA members' cost.

ROBERT HENDRICKSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP which is available thru NCRA pays for education materials. The application is a bit longer to fill out and asks you for the top 5 resources that you would like to have paid for by the scholarship. You do not have to be a member of NCRA to apply or to be awarded the scholarship. You do have to have a good explanation why you are applying for the scholarship.

BOTH APPLICATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE OCRA WEBSITE: <http://www.ocra-oregon.org>



I am honored to be a 2012 recipient of the Robert Hendrickson Memorial Scholarship. At first I thought only applicants with years of cancer registry experience or those working in large medical facilities would be considered but after I reviewed the application and made a draft of my reasons for applying, I knew this was a great opportunity for educational support and recognition in the cancer registry field.

I would encourage anyone planning to sit for the CTR exam to apply for this scholarship. Good luck!

Janice McDaniel, CCRP

Cancer Database

St. Charles Cancer Center/Radiation Oncology
- Bend

R e g i s t r y N e w s

If a registrar has sent a question to CAnswer Forum and does not get an answer in a timely manner (approximately two weeks), determine who would best answer the question, go to the website below and utilize the list to contact the individual directly. Each program has a list of contact people. At the NCRA meeting last year, Donna Gress stated this would be the best procedure.

<http://www.facs.org/cancer/whocall.html>

More Registry News

It's that time! Call for Nominations



We are hoping to hear from you before we have to call you. Please contact one of the nominating committee to volunteer today. We are looking for members for the following positions:

President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer and at least 4 members for the nominating committee.

Please contact one of us today!

Martha Curl, Carol Dana, Lori Lucente, Sharon McLaughlin

OHSU Job Opening

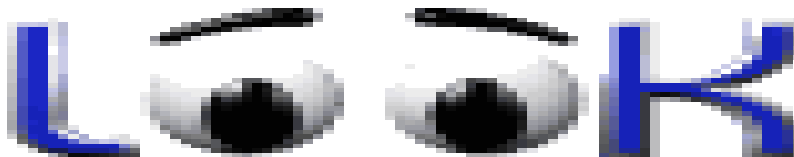
Salary Range: \$19.26 - \$26.07/hour;

Location: Downtown Portland, 5th & Clay

Job Requirements:

Required:

High school diploma and two (2) years experience as hospital cancer registrar. Current credential of CTR (Certified Tumor Registrar) or CTR-eligible. Related knowledge in anatomy & physiology, medical terminology and cancer types including classification by morphology code, cancer staging schemes, computer data system, ACoS registry requirements. Preferred: Knowledge of Oncolog computer database system. RHIA (Registered Health Information Administrator) or RHIT (Registered Health Information Technician).

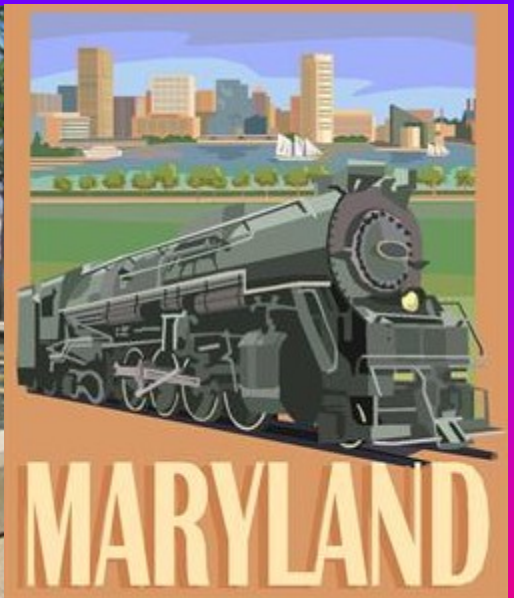


Interesting Tidbits

[Lenalidomide significantly prolongs disease control for multiple myeloma patients following stem cell transplantation](#)



Just a little site seeing!



National Cancer Registrars Week April 9-13, 2012



Volunteers pictured above as Martha forgot to take pix:

Left to right, Martha, Deb, Donna, Jodi, Gail, Elly and Tim

During NCRW, Martha Curl, enlisted several volunteers including:

(retirees) Elly Hayes, Gail Coleman, Donna Gilbo; Deb Towell, Jodi & Tim Phillips to go to the Ronald McDonald House in East Portland. They served dinner and dessert to all of the house guests.

Also a big thanks to everyone who made this possible by sending a donation: Martha Curl, Elly Hayes, Gail Coleman, Donna Gilbo, Jodi Phillips, Sena Smiley, Deb Towell, Joan Pliska, Lori Lucente, Rhonda Wrolson

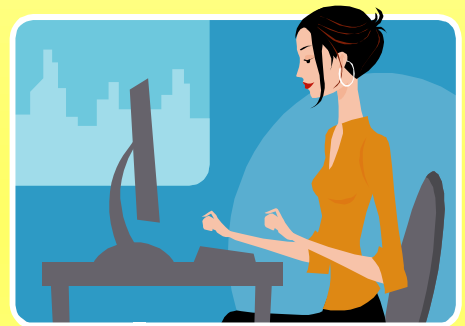
Thanks again for your dedication to help make this year another success.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

It is odd and yet not so odd; that in the US where unemployment is high that cancer registries cannot find qualified people. This job requires a certain skill set and training. There is no real training program for cancer registrars in most facilities. (Where a person can start at the ground floor and work up to cancer registrar)

Now the cancer registry is not the only industry with this issue of no skilled workers. One problem is that cancer registry is not a career track kind of job, but it does have its attractions. And another problem is that no one knows (a bit of an overstatement) these jobs exist. How do we get the word out. And how do we get them in and trained?

Shannon



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