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Back to the *Future*;

What Year Is It? What Did I Miss?
Keeping Up With The Changes

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American College of Surgeons

The "Other" ACS



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What Comes to Mind?

- **Quality Programs**
 - Accreditation & Verification
 - Standards & Staging
 - Data & Registries
 - Research & Outcomes



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Accreditation & Verification Programs

- ACS Quality Verification Program™ (ACS NSQIP QVP)
- ACS Thrive
- American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC)
- Children's Surgery Verification (CSV)
- Commission on Cancer (CoC)
- Cancer Surgery Standards Program (CSSP)
- Geriatric Surgery Verification (GSV)
- Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery Accreditation and Quality Improvement Program (MBSAQIP)
- National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC)
- National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancers (NAPRC)
- Verification, Review, & Consultation (VRC) for Trauma

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Standards & Staging

Optimal Resources

Surgical Quality & Safety

Children's Surgical Care

Cancer Care

NAPBC (Breast)

NAPRC (Rectal)

Care of the Injured Patient

Geriatric Surgery

Metabolic & Bariatric Surgery

AJCC Cancer Staging Manual – 8th edition

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Data & Registries



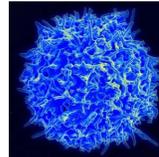
- National Trauma Data Bank
- Children’s Surgical Clinical Outcomes Data
- Surgeon Specific Registry
- National Surgical Quality Improvement Program (NSQIP)
- National Cancer Database
 - Standards for Oncology Registry Entry (STORE manual)
- COVID-19 Registry

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Research & Outcomes



- NCI COVID-19 in Cancer Patients Study (NCCAPS)
- American Society of Breast Surgeons Mastery of Breast Surgery Program (ASBrS)
 - American Society of Breast Surgeons COVID-19 Registry*
- American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO) Registry
- American Society of Hematology (ASH)
 - ASH Research Program (RP) COVID-19 Registry for Hematologic* Malignancies
- COVID-19 and Cancer Consortium*

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CoC Accreditation Keeping Up With the Changes

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- Consortium of professional organizations
- American College of Surgeons 1922
- Expanded to include multidisciplinary modalities
- Standards established
- 1500 CoC-Accredited programs



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Value of CoC Accreditation

- Accredited programs commitment
- NCDB data assesses performance
 - Compare quality care
 - Identify variations
 - Implement improvements
- Provides infrastructure
 - Leadership & programmatic development
 - Team building

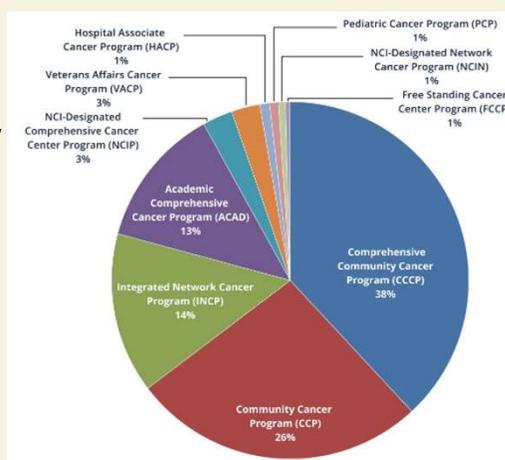


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Accreditation Process

- **Program Categories**
- **Standards requiring annual review**
- **Studies/Projects/Reports required**



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Standards Manual Changes

- Retired Standards
- Modifications of definitions and/or requirements

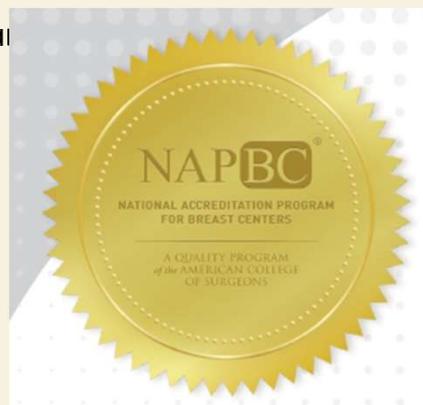


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NAPBC

- National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers
- Focus on multidisciplinary, coordinated care
- Categories
- NAPBC-Accredited centers demonstrate
- 2023 Standards Update



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NAPRC

- National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer
- Based on international models
- Data collection and tracking outcomes
- Verify adherence to evidence-based procedures

1. ASA score	I; II; III; IV; V
2. Case status	Elective; urgent (obstructed; bleeding; perforated)
3. Operation	LAR; APR; TPC
4. Modality	Open; laparoscopic; hand-assisted laparoscopic; robotic; TES
5. Location of tumor within rectum	High; middle; low
6. Height of lower edge of tumor from anal verge	0–20 cm
7. Mobilization of splenic flexure	Yes; no
8. Level of ligation of inferior mesenteric artery	IMA; SRA; none
9. Level of ligation of inferior mesenteric vein	High; low; none
10. Level of rectal transection distal to distal edge of tumor (distal margin)	0–20 cm

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CoC Quality Portal

- Site Details
- Contacts
- Payment
- Site Visit Resources
- Change Forms
- Templates
- Resource Library
- CAnswer Forum
- Standards Manual & Updates
- National Cancer Data Base
- General Resources
- Marketing Resources

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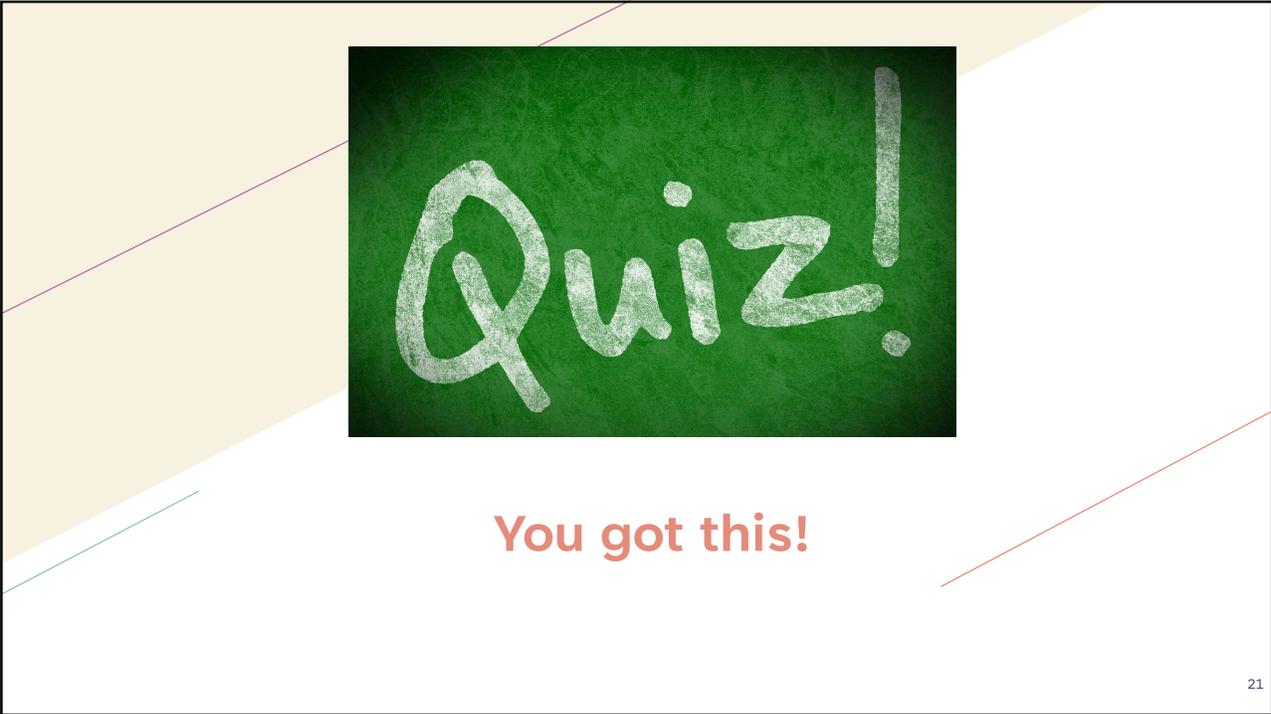
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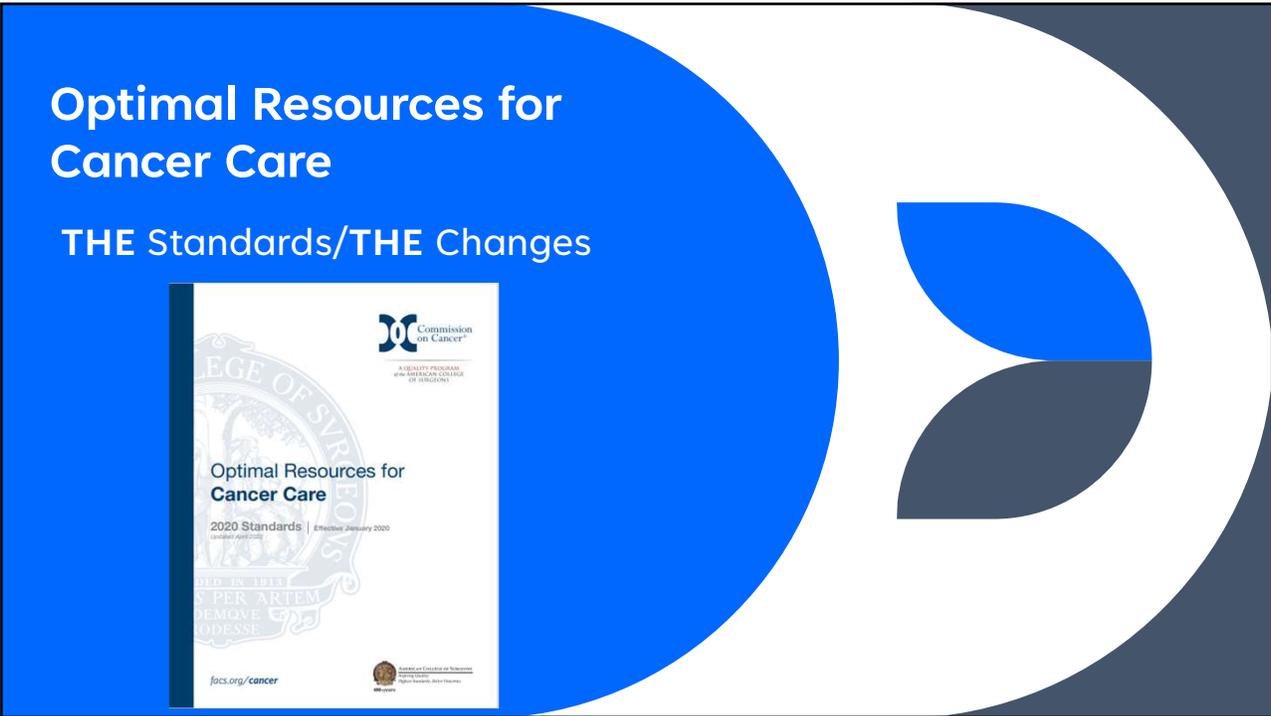
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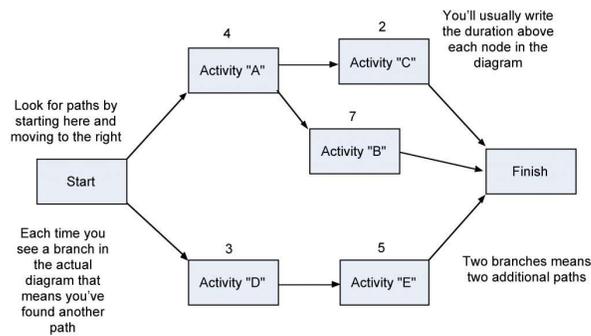
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Standards/Categories: Changes & Timelines

- Original version went into effect 1/1/2020
- 2021 version went into effect 1/1/2021
- Republished in November of 2021
- Updates on current version went into effect 1/1/2022



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Standard Chapters

- 1) Institutional Administrative Commitment (Lisa)
- 2) Program Scope & Governance (Lisa)
- 3) Facilities & Equipment Resources (Lisa)
- 4) Personnel & Services Resources (Lisa)
- 5) Patient Care: Expectations & Protocols (Nancy)
- 6) Data Surveillance & Systems (Nancy)
- 7) Quality Improvement (Lisa)
- 8) Education: Professional & Community Outreach (Lisa)
- 9) Research (Lisa)

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Critical Category Changes

Date Change Made	CoC Standard	Change Detail/Rationale
11/11/2021	Cancer Program Standards Rating System and Accreditation Awards	Cancer Program Standards Rating System and Accreditation Awards Statuses
2/9/2021	Specifications by Category-Programs Undergoing Initial Site Visit for Accreditation	Language added: "Standard 2.2: Cancer Liaison Physician: While the requirement to report NCDB data two times per year will not be rated during the initial site visit, it is encouraged that programs report data to the cancer committee relevant to the cancer program at least twice per year.
11/11/2021	Specifications by Category-INCP and NCIN	Specifications for Integrated Network Cancer Program and NCI-Networks updated to include requirements and clarification for how standards apply in the network setting. Updated
11/11/2021	Specifications by Category-INCP and NCIN	Standard 2.2: Co-CLPs changed to two CLP's
4/6/2022	Specifications by Category-Pediatric Cancer Program	Revised/added specifications by category for Pediatric Cancer Programs & those seeking an additional pediatric designation.
4/21/2022	Specifications by Category-Pediatric Cancer Program	Standards exempt for PCPs added to Specification by Category - Omission

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Critical Standard Changes

Date Change Made	CoC Standard/Topic	Change Detail/Rationale
4/6/2022	Standard 2.1: Cancer Committee & INCP/NCIN Specifications by Category	Pastoral care representative changed to spiritual care representative
2/9/2021	Standard 4.2: Oncology Nursing Credentials	"Phase-in Standard" designation removed. Standard implemented in 2021 - Updated
2/9/2021	Standard 4.4: Genetic Counseling and Risk Assessment	Additional guidance based on program feedback. Language added: "Programs should consider conflict of interest when choosing professionals to provide cancer risk assessment and genetic counseling."
4/6/2022	Standard 4.4: Genetic Counseling and Risk Assessment	Qualification that the advanced practice oncology nurse or physician assistant must be "prepared at the graduate level (masters or doctorate)" removed
2/9/2021	Standard 4.8: Survivorship Program	"Phase-in Standard" designation removed. Standard implemented in 2021 - Updated
2/12/2020	Standard 7.3: Quality Improvement Initiative	Clarification (accountability and quality improvement measures may be used as a basis for a QI initiative (see first bullet point in the list in standard)
10/25/2019	Standard 9.1: Clinical Research Accrual	NCI programs noted as exempt in chart

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Chapter 2 Changes; Program Scope & Governance

- For INCP/NCIN Programs
 - Pastoral care representative changed to spiritual care representative



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Chapter 4 Changes; Personnel & Services Resources

- Standard 4.2 Oncology Nursing Credentials
 - **Phase-In Status removed**, implemented in 2021

Each accreditation cycle, the program fulfills the compliance criteria:

All nurses providing direct oncology care hold a cancer-specific certification **or** demonstrate ongoing education by earning **36** cancer-related continuing nursing education contact hours.

Programs have in place a policy and procedure that ensures oncology nursing competency is **reviewed each year** per hospital policy.



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Chapter 4 Changes; Personnel & Services Resources

- **Standard 4.4 Genetic Counseling & Risk Assessment**

- **Language added:** "Programs should consider conflict of interest when choosing professionals to provide cancer risk assessment and genetic counseling."
- **Removed:** Qualification that the advanced practice oncology nurse or physician assistant must be "prepared at the graduate level (masters or doctorate)"

Each **calendar year**, the cancer program fulfills all of the compliance criteria:

Cancer risk assessment, genetic counseling, and genetic testing services are provided to patients either on-site or by referral by a qualified genetics professional.

A policy and procedure is in place regarding genetic counseling and risk-assessment services and includes all required elements.

A process is in place pursuant to evidence-based national guidelines for genetic assessment for selected cancer site. The process includes all required elements.

The process for providing and referring cancer risk assessment, genetic counseling, and genetic testing services is monitored and evaluated, contains all required elements, and is documented in the cancer committee minutes.

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Chapter 4 Changes; Personnel & Services Resources

- **Standard 4.7 Survivorship Program**

- **Phase-In Status removed, implemented in 2021**

Each **calendar year**, the program fulfills the compliance criteria:

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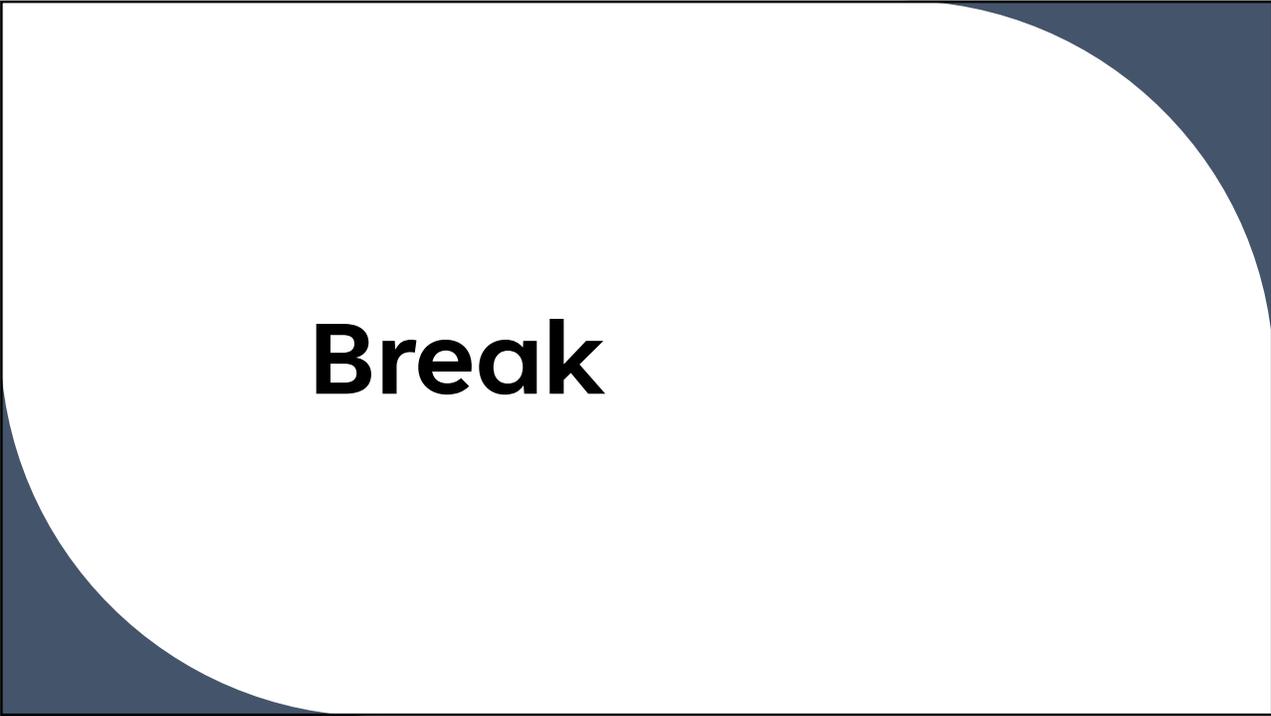
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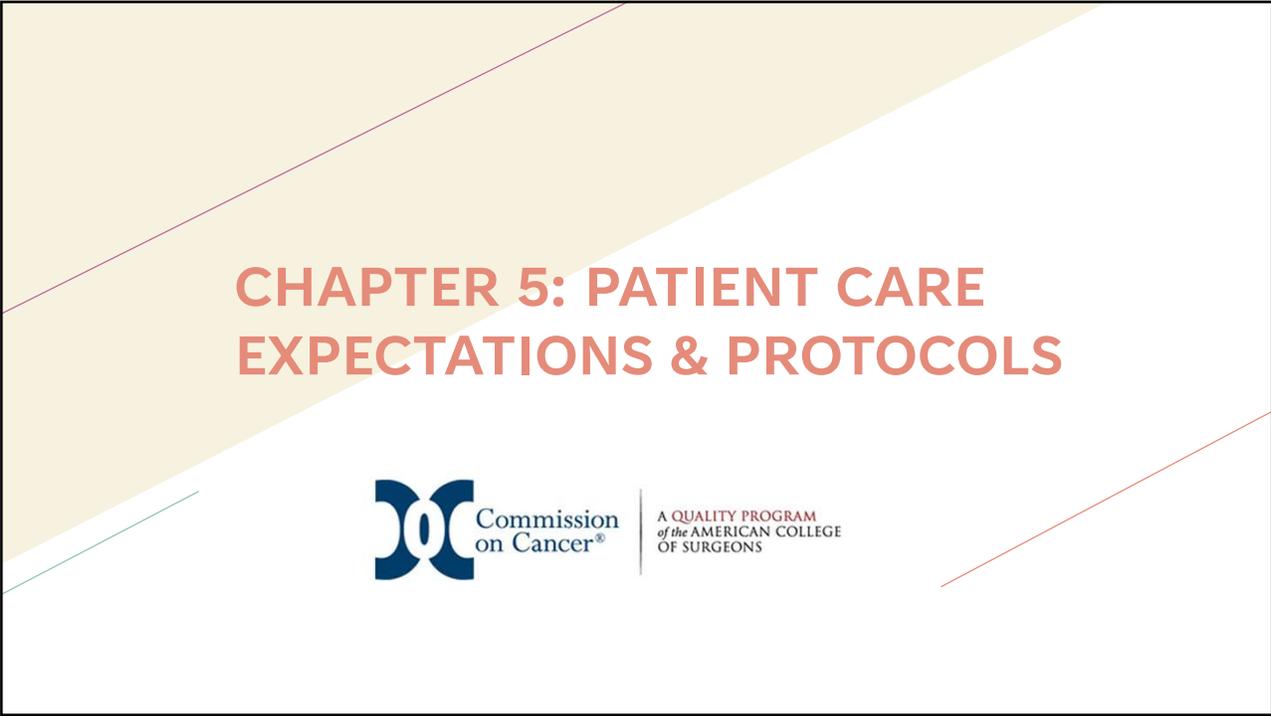
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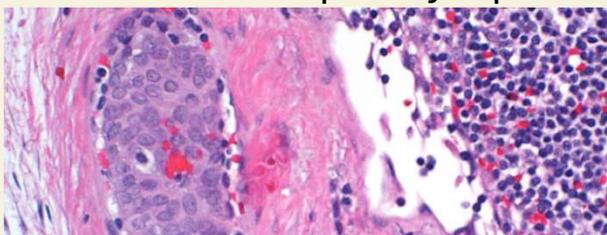


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5.1 College of American Pathologists (CAP)

Synoptic Reporting

- Synoptic Format
- Eligible Records
- Procedures that do not require synoptic reporting



<https://www.cap.org/protocols-and-guidelines/cancer-reporting-tools/cancer-protocol-templates>

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5.1 College of American Pathologists (CAP)

Synoptic Reporting

- Reviewed on Site
- Documentation uploaded prior to site visit
- 90% Of 20 Patients selected



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+ RESULTS
+ BRAF Mutational Analysis (Note B)
+ ___ No mutation detected
+ ___ Mutation identified
+ ___ p.V600E, c.1799T>A
+ ___ p.K601E, c.1801A>G
+ ___ Other BRAF mutation (specify): _____
+ ___ + Indicate mutant allele frequency: _____ %
+ ___ Cannot be determined (explain): _____

+ TERT Mutational Analysis (Note B)
+ ___ No mutation detected
+ ___ Mutation identified
+ ___ c.1-124 (C228T)
+ ___ c.1-146 (C250T)
+ ___ Other TERT mutation (specify): _____
+ ___ Cannot be determined (explain): _____

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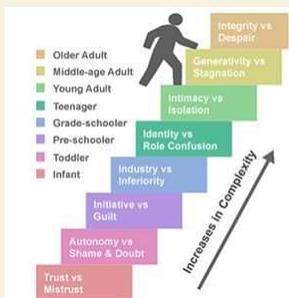
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5.2 Psychosocial Distress Screening

- Psychosocial Services Policy & Procedures
- Screening Criteria



Process

- 1. Timing of Screening**
The screening will take place at each inpatient admission, and at initial evaluation for new radiation therapy cancer patients that have not been admitted to inpatient unit in the last year.
- 2. Method of Screening**
The admitting nurse queries the patient and records responses as part of the admission assessment.
- 3. Tools**
A distress screening tool has been built into Meditech in the nursing admission assessment. The screening tool assesses stress level using a 4-point system: none, mild, moderate, and severe. A list of problems causing the patient distress is also created. The problems are divided into the following categories: practical, emotional, family, physical, spiritual/religious.
- 4. Assessment and Referral**
If a patient indicates moderate or severe stress, appropriate referrals must be made based on the patient's problem list. When referrals to the navigator and/or psych nurse are made in the assessment, a consult is automatically sent to the appropriate department/person. When referrals to social services and/or chaplain are made in the assessment, the nurse is prompted to order a consultation to the appropriate department.
- 5. Documentation**
The distress screening, referrals and departmental consults become a part of the patient's permanent medical record in Meditech. The cancer committee will monitor screenings, referrals and consults through a Meditech-generated report on a quarterly basis. The results of the monitor will be documented in the cancer committee minutes.

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5.2 Psychosocial Distress Screening

- Screening criteria
- Tools
- Assessment and Referral
- Documentation

#	Admit Location Name	Currently Receiving Cancer Treatment			Subjective Stress Level				Consults/Referrals			
		No	Yes	Unknown	Mild	Moderate	Severe	None	ACS PT Navigator	Psych Nurse	Soc Svcs	Chaplain
925	2 East	813	73	39	31	3	1	890	3	3	3	4
186	3 East	168	9	9	2	0	0	184	0	1	1	1
548	3 West	503	22	23	8	2	0	538	2	3	1	3
1086	4 East	960	68	58	24	6	0	1056	5	8	8	9
682	4 West	574	65	43	28	6	2	646	6	10	5	10
462	East	428	12	22	3	0	0	459	0	2	2	2
472	5 West	431	15	26	6	1	1	464	2	3	3	3
695	6 East	612	52	31	14	7	1	673	7	9	8	8
640	6 West	543	59	38	20	5	0	615	4	7	8	7
552	7 East	305	232	15	93	37	7	415	45	35	35	37
325	7 West	114	197	14	73	13	2	237	13	22	26	25
36	Bone Marrow Unit	7	28	1	15	1	1	19	2	7	1	9
440	CV Surg ICU 2NE	345	42	53	15	8	1	416	9	11	8	10

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CoC Operative Standards

2021	Programs begin developing plans for how they will meet the requirements of Standards 5.3-5.6.	Standards 5.7 and 5.8 take effect starting January 1. Programs must achieve at least 70 percent compliance in 2021.
2022	Programs document their final plans and work on getting up to compliance.	Programs must achieve at least 80 percent compliance in 2022. Site visits assess pathology reports from 2021 for 70 percent compliance.

<https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer-programs/commission-on-cancer/standards-and-resources/2020/>

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Visit Process for Operative Standards

2023	Standards 5.3, 5.4, 5.5, and 5.6 take effect starting January 1. Programs must achieve at least 70 percent compliance in 2023.	Programs must achieve at least 80 percent compliance in 2023. Site visits assess pathology reports from 2021-2022 for 80 percent compliance.
2024	Programs must achieve at least 80 percent compliance in 2024. Site visits assess operative reports from 2023 for 70 percent compliance.	Programs must achieve at least 80 percent compliance in 2024. Site visits assess pathology reports from 2021-2023 for 80 percent compliance.
2025	Programs must achieve at least 80 percent compliance in 2025. Site visits assess operative reports from 2023-2024 for 80 percent compliance.	Programs must achieve at least 80 percent compliance in 2025. Site visits assess pathology reports from 2021-2024 for 80 percent compliance.

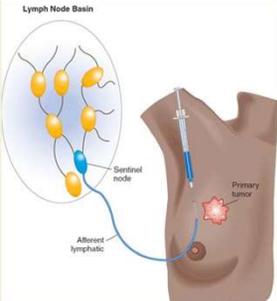
Visit Year	Standard	Materials Assessed	Requirement
2022	5.3-5.6	No requirements for this site visit year.	N/A
	5.7	7 rectal pathology reports from 2021	70% compliance
	5.8	7 lung pathology reports from 2021	70% compliance
2023	5.3-5.6	Implementation plan for Standards 5.3-5.6	Plan documented in 2022
	5.7	7 rectal pathology reports from 2021-2022	80% compliance
	5.8	7 lung pathology reports from 2021-2022	80% compliance
2024	5.3-5.6	Implementation plan for Standards 5.3-5.6	Plan documented in 2022
	5.3	7 breast SLNB operative reports from 2023	70% compliance
	5.4	7 breast ALND operative reports from 2023	70% compliance
	5.5	7 melanoma operative reports from 2023	70% compliance
	5.6	7 colon operative reports from 2023	70% compliance
	5.7	7 rectal pathology reports from 2021-2023	80% compliance
2025	5.3-5.6	Implementation plan for Standards 5.3-5.6	Plan documented in 2022
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	5.4	7 breast ALND operative reports from 2023-2024	80% compliance
	5.5	7 melanoma operative reports from 2023-2024	80% compliance
	5.6	7 colon operative reports from 2023-2024	80% compliance
	5.7	7 rectal pathology reports from 2022-2024	80% compliance
	5.8	7 lung pathology reports from 2022-2024	80% compliance

Number	Standard Name	Documentation Assessed	Date Implemented
5.3	Sentinel Node Biopsy for Breast Cancer	Operative reports	January 1, 2023
5.4	Axillary Lymph Node Dissection for Breast Cancer	Operative reports	January 1, 2023
5.5	Wide Local Excision for Primary Cutaneous Melanoma	Operative reports	January 1, 2023
5.6	Colon Resection	Operative reports	January 1, 2023
5.7	Total Mesorectal Excision	Pathology reports	January 1, 2021
5.8	Pulmonary Resection	Pathology reports	January 1, 2021

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5.3 Sentinel Node Biopsy for Breast Cancer

- Phase in
- Sentinel lymph node mapping and analysis
- Standard compliance
- Synoptic Operative Report



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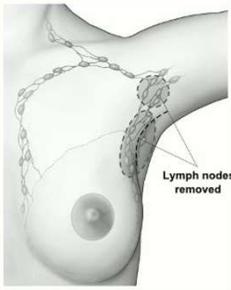
- Identification of All Sentinel Nodes
- Technique for Injecting Localizing Tracer or Dye
- Precision Evaluation of Drainage Pattern
- Node Removal Technique to Limit Seroma Formation

Element	Response Options
Operation performed with curative intent.	Yes; No.
Tracer(s) used to identify sentinel nodes in the upfront surgery (non-neoadjuvant) setting (<i>select all that apply</i>).	Dye; Radioactive tracer; Superparamagnetic iron oxide; Other (<i>with explanation</i>); N/A.
Tracer(s) used to identify sentinel nodes in the neoadjuvant setting (<i>select all that apply</i>).	Dye; Radioactive tracer; Superparamagnetic iron oxide; Other (<i>with explanation</i>); N/A.
All nodes (colored or non-colored) present at the end of a dye-filled lymphatic channel were removed.	Yes; No (<i>with explanation</i>); N/A.
All significantly radioactive nodes were removed.	Yes; No (<i>with explanation</i>); N/A.
All palpably suspicious nodes were removed.	Yes; No (<i>with explanation</i>); N/A.
Biopsy-proven positive nodes marked with clips prior to chemotherapy were identified and removed.	Yes; No (<i>with explanation</i>); N/A.

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5.4 Axillary Lymph Node Dissection for Breast Cancer

- Procedure
- Standard Compliance
- Synoptic Operative Reports
- Compliance



Element	Response Options
Operation performed with curative intent.	Yes; No.
Resection was performed within the boundaries of the axillary vein, chest wall (serratus anterior), and latissimus dorsi.	Yes; No (<i>with explanation</i>).
Nerves identified and preserved during dissection (<i>select all that apply</i>).	Long thoracic nerve; Thoracodorsal nerve; Branches of the intercostobrachial nerves; Other (<i>with explanation</i>).
Level III nodes were removed.	Yes (<i>with explanation</i>); No.

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5.5 Wide Local Excision for Primary Cutaneous Melanoma

- Phase In
- Required Clinical Margin Widths
- Synoptic Operative Report Requirements
- Compliance



Element	Response Options
Operation performed with curative intent	Yes; No.
Original Breslow thickness of the lesion	Melanoma in situ (MIS); __ mm (to the tenth of a millimeter).
Clinical margin width (measured from the edge of the lesion or the prior excision scar)	0.5 cm; 1 cm; 2 cm; Other: __ cm due to cosmetic/anatomic concerns; Other (with explanation).
Depth of excision	Full-thickness skin/ subcutaneous tissue down to fascia (melanoma); Only skin and superficial subcutaneous fat (melanoma in situ); Other (with explanation).

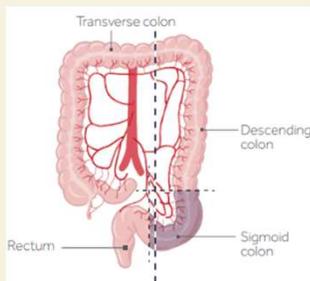
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5.6 Colon Resection

- Phase-In
- Surgical Requirement
- Extent of Colon & Vascular Resection



- Right hemicolectomy - ileocolic and right colic (if present).
- Extended right hemicolectomy - ileocolic, right colic (if present), and middle colic.
- Transverse colectomy - middle colic.
- Splenic flexure - middle colic and ascending left colic.
- Left hemicolectomy - inferior mesenteric.
- Sigmoid resection - inferior mesenteric.
- Total abdominal colectomy - ileocolic, right colic (if present), middle colic, and inferior mesenteric.
 - If performed with proctectomy - superior and middle rectal.
- Other - Describe segments and vasculature resected anomalous to standard practice and explain the reason(s).

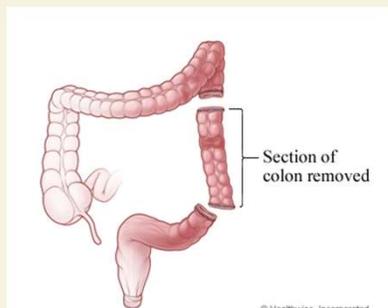
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5.6 Colon Resection

- Synoptic Operative Report Requirements
- Site Visit
- Compliance



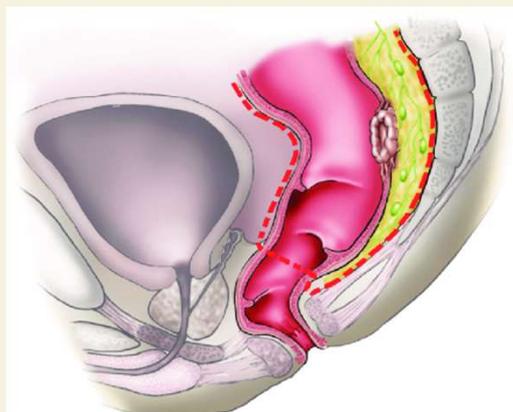
Element	Response Options
Operation performed with curative intent	Yes; No.
Tumor location	Cecum; Ascending colon; Hepatic flexure; Transverse colon; Splenic flexure; Descending colon; Sigmoid colon; Rectosigmoid junction; Rectum, NOS; Colon, NOS.
Extent of colon and vascular resection	Right hemicolectomy – ileocolic, right colic (if present); Extended right hemicolectomy – ileocolic, right colic (if present), middle colic; Transverse colectomy – middle colic; Splenic flexure resection – middle and ascending left colic; Left hemicolectomy – inferior mesenteric; Sigmoid resection – inferior mesenteric; Total abdominal colectomy – ileocolic, right colic (if present), middle colic, inferior mesenteric; Total abdominal colectomy, with proctectomy – ileocolic, right colic (if present), middle colic, inferior mesenteric, superior and middle rectal; Other (with explanation).

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5.7 Total Mesorectal Excision

- Surgical Requirement
- Complete or Near-Complete
- Site Review
- Compliance



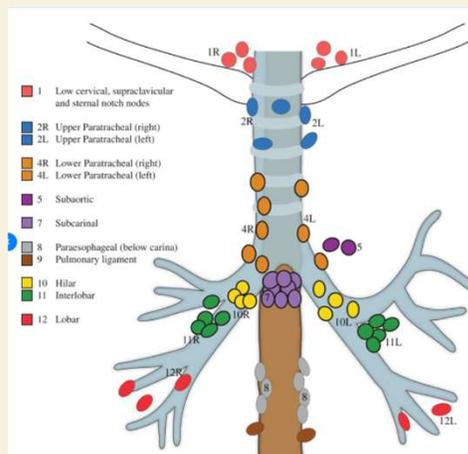
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5.8 Pulmonary Resection

- Surgical Requirement
- Site Visit
- Compliance



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CHAPTER 6: DATA SURVEILLANCE & SYSTEMS

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6.1 Cancer Registry Quality Control

- Policy & Procedure includes:

A. Sets the review criteria

B. Sets the quality control timetable

C. Specifies the quality control methods, sources, and individuals involved. Specifications include:

- Random sampling of annual analytic caseload
- Review by designated person(s)
 - Reviewer(s) may be CTR(s), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse(s), Physician Assistant(s), physician(s), fellow(s), or resident(s)
 - CTRs cannot review their own cases
- External audits (such as state or central cancer registry case-finding audits) may be used to fulfill part of this requirement

D. Identifies the activities to be evaluated for all cases each year:

1. Case finding
2. Abstracting timeliness
3. The percentage of information coded as unknown (usually coded as 9 or a string of 9s)

E. Identifies the activities to be evaluated each year for the accuracy of abstracted data. A review of a minimum of 10 percent of the annual analytic caseload (up to 200 cases annually) is required each year for the accuracy of the following:

1. Class of case
2. Primary site
3. Histology
4. Grade
5. American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) Stage or other appropriate staging system as appropriate for cancer site

6. First course of treatment

7. Follow-up information, specifically:

- Date of first recurrence
- Type of first recurrence
- Cancer status
- Date of last cancer status

F. Establishes the minimum quality benchmarks and required accuracy. Cancer registry data submitted to the NCDB meet the established quality and timeliness criteria included in the annual NCDB Call for Data.

G. Maintains documentation of the quality control activity:

- Review criteria
- Cases reviewed
- Identified data errors and resolutions
- Reports the percentage of accuracy to the cancer committee annually of the review of elements listed in sections D and E above. The report must be documented in the cancer committee minutes.

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6.4 Rapid Cancer Reporting System

- Retired Standards
 - 6.2 Data Submission
 - 6.3 Data Accuracy
- Requirement
- Compliance
- Data Submission
- Edits
- Alert/Quality Reports
- Cancer Committee Presentations

<https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer-programs/national-cancer-database/rapid-cancer-reporting-system/>

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6.5 Follow-up Of Patients

- Requirements
 - Reference Date
 - Five Years
- Methods
- Site Visit
- Compliance



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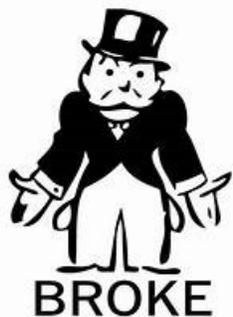


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Critical Changes; Chapter 7

- Not THAT Chapter 7



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Chapter 7: Quality Improvement

Problem Statement



"My team has created a very innovative solution, but we're still looking for a problem to go with it."

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Standard 7. 1: Accountability & Quality Improvement Measures

- **Each calendar year**, the cancer program fulfills all of the compliance criteria:
- The cancer committee monitors the program’s expected Estimated Performance Rates for accountability and quality improvement measures selected by the CoC.
- The monitoring activity is documented in the cancer committee minutes.
- For each accountability and quality improvement measure selected by the CoC, the quality reporting tools show a performance rate equal to or greater than the expected EPR specified by the CoC. If the expected EPR is not met, the program has implemented an action plan that reviews and addresses program performance below the expected EPR.

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NCDB Resources – A CTR “MUST READ”



Rapid Cancer Reporting System (RCRS)

User's Guide Updated June 2022

A quality data platform brought to you by the National Cancer Database (NCDB)

This document is designed to provide the basic of the different reports/pages of RCRS and what function it provides. For questions regarding the data contact NCDB Staff at NCDB@facs.org including program TIN and relevant accession numbers and for questions regarding the system such as logging in contact IDVIA at ACSTechsupport@iqvia.com.



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Hot Off the Presses...Changes

Effective January **2023**, four quality measures will be removed and no longer supported.

- **MASTRT** (Breast – RT following any mastectomy with >4 positive regional lymph nodes)
- **HT** (Tamoxifen or third generation aromatase inhibitor T1cN0M0 or stage IB-III hormone receptor positive breast cancer)
- **nBx** (Breast – image or palpation-guided needle biopsy to the primary site before resection)
- **LNoSurg** (Lung – Surgery is not the first course of treatment for Stage III lung cancer)

These measures will continue to populate data and update nightly for cases submitted between **2017-2019**.

Data from **2020 forward** will no longer be available as of **June 27, 2022**.

Starting with **2023 site visits**, these four measures will not be evaluated to determine compliance with Standard 7.1.

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Standard 7.1: Accountability & Quality Improvement Measures

To locate cases included in your program's EPRs, first open the Quality Measures Report and select the filters under the Summary Panel.

The Quality Measure Report will default opening the tab at left bottom of screen labeled Quality Measures.

To view Rolling Year Estimated Performance Rates (EPR), click on the tab at left bottom of screen labeled Rolling Year EPR, circled in blue.

Primary Site	Measure	Measure Description	Label	Rolling Year EPR	2021 Estimated Performance Rate
Breast	BIC8T	Radiation therapy is administered within 1 year (365 days) of diagnosis for women under age 70 receiving breast conserving surgery for breast cancer	PREPR 95% CI Benchmark	78.81%	29.41% (7.75% - 51.07%) 90%
	HT	Tamoxifen or third generation aromatase inhibitor is recommended or administered within 1 year (365 days) of diagnosis for women with AJCC T1cN0M0 or stage IB-III hormone receptor-positive breast cancer	PREPR 95% CI Benchmark	76.08%	100.00% (100.00% - 100.00%) 90%
	MASTRT	Statin therapy is recommended or administered following any mastectomy within 1 year (365 days) of diagnosis of breast cancer for women with ≥ 4 positive regional lymph nodes	PREPR 95% CI Benchmark	83.64%	Data Not Available
	nBx	Image or palpation-guided needle biopsy to the primary site is	PREPR	96.42%	97.73%

By design all cancer reports will load with blank data, including the Rolling EPR tab. Filters must be selected under the Summary Panel for data to populate.

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Screenshot courtesy of NCDB/RCRS User Guide

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Standard 7.2: Monitoring Concordance with Evidence-Based Guidelines

Each calendar year, the cancer program fulfills all of the compliance criteria:

A physician conducts an in-depth analysis to determine whether initial diagnostic evaluation and first course of treatment provided to patients is concordant with evidence-based national treatment guidelines.

The report detailing all required elements of the study, including the results of the analysis and any recommendations for improvement, are reported to the cancer committee and documented in the cancer committee minutes.



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Standard 7.2: Required Elements/Components

- Specific cancer site or stage (within specific site), **maximum of 100 cases** **OR** an identified need or concern within specific cancer site or stage (within specific site)
- Medical record review; pathology, diagnostic imaging, lab tests, and consultations recommended within the specific guideline being reviewed.
- Medical record review; first course of treatment is appropriate for the stage of disease or prognostic indicators and is concordant with evidence-based national treatment guidelines for each patient being reviewed.
- A reporting format that permits analysis and provides an opportunity to recommend performance improvements based on data from the analysis.
- A presentation of a report detailing all required elements of the study, including the results of the analysis, to the cancer committee. The report is documented in the cancer committee minutes. The documentation includes any recommendations for improvement.

Analysis and treatment discussions for patients at multidisciplinary cancer case conferences do not fulfill the requirements for Standard 7.2. Any problems identified with the diagnostic evaluation or treatment planning process may serve as a source for a quality project under Standard 7.3: Quality Improvement Initiative.

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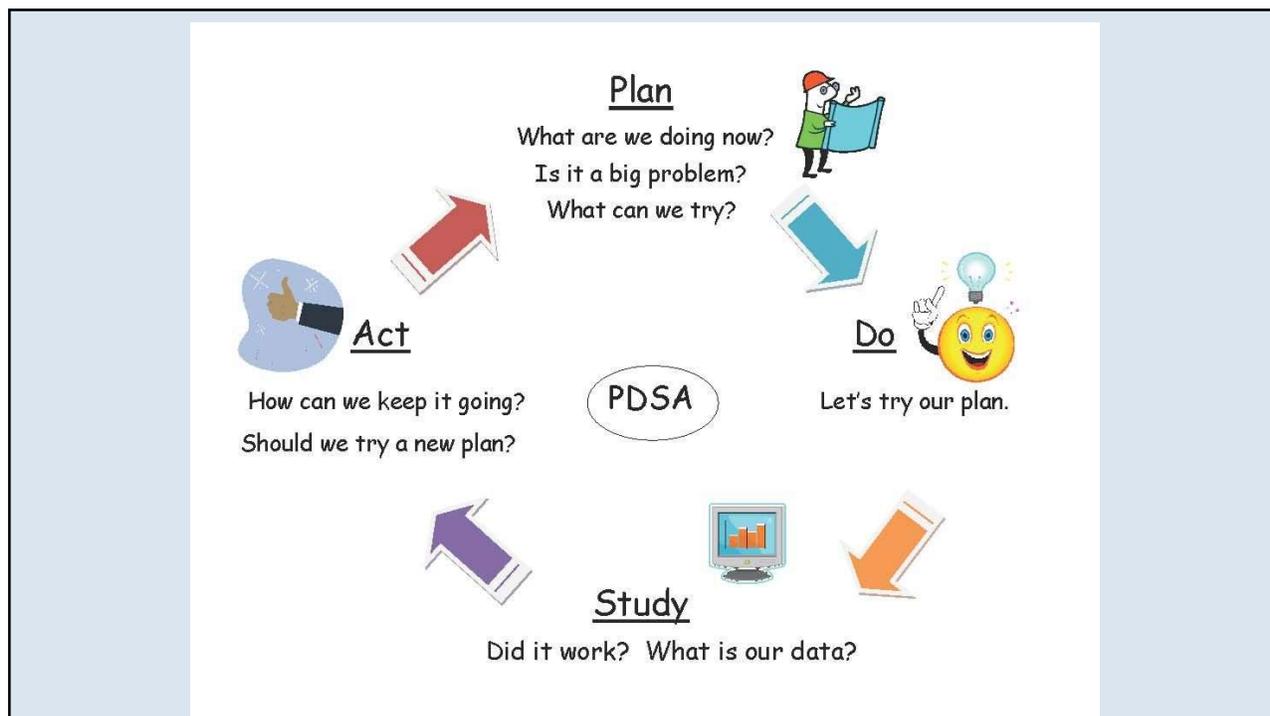
Standard 7.3: Quality Improvement Initiative

- Under the guidance of the Cancer Liaison Physician (CLP), the Quality Improvement Coordinator, and the cancer committee, the cancer program must measure, evaluate, and improve its performance through at least **one** cancer-specific quality improvement initiative each year.
- This quality improvement (QI) initiative requires the program to identify a problem, understand what is causing the identified problem through use of a recognized performance improvement methodology, and implement a planned solution to the problem. Reports on the status of the QI initiative must be given to the cancer committee at least **twice** each calendar year and **documented** in the cancer committee minutes.

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- **Review Data to Identify the Problem**

EXAMPLES

- Problem may be identified by NCDB quality measures
- Problem may be identified by Standard 7.2
- Problem may be identified by annual review of clinical services
- Problem may be identified by NAPBC or NAPRC accreditation initiative
- Problem may be identified by NCDB CQIP

- **Write the Problem Statement**

- The QI initiative must have a problem statement that is specific to the cancer program to solve through the QI initiative
- Baseline and goal metrics must be numerical
- Anticipated timeline and estimate outcomes
- The problem statement cannot state that a study is being done to see if a problem exists, rather it must already be known that a problem exists.

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- **Choose and Implement Performance Improvement Methodology and Metrics**

- A recognized, standardized performance improvement tool must be chosen and used to conduct the QI initiative (for example, Lean, DMAIC, or PDCA/PDSA).

- **Implement Intervention and Monitor the Data**

- The intervention chosen in step three must be implemented. If oversight of the implementation suggests the intervention is not working, then it must be modified.

- **Present Quality Improvement Initiative Summary**

- Once the initiative has been completed, a document summarizing the initiative and the results must be presented and discussed with the cancer committee and documented in the cancer committee minutes. If possible, results are compared with national data.

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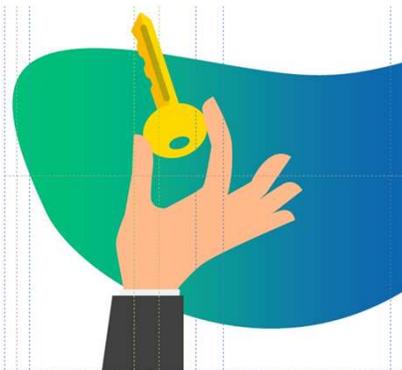
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Standard 7.3: Quality Improvement Initiative

Key Takeaways:

- **Each** Calendar Year
- **One** Quality Improvement Initiative
- Presented at least **TWICE** per calendar year
- **Documentation** in Cancer Committee Minutes



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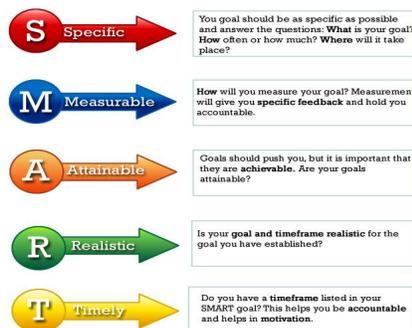
Standard 7.4: Cancer Program Goal

Annual goal setting provides direction for the strategic planning of cancer program activities.

It is recommended the goal-setting tool known as SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely) be used when establishing the goal. Goals must be directed toward the scope, coordination, practices, processes, and provision of services for cancer care at the program.

Setting SMART Goals

The research shows that specific and challenging goals lead to better performance (Locke, 1968). In this lesson we will be working on designing a plan and creating SMART goals to help us achieve a healthier lifestyle.



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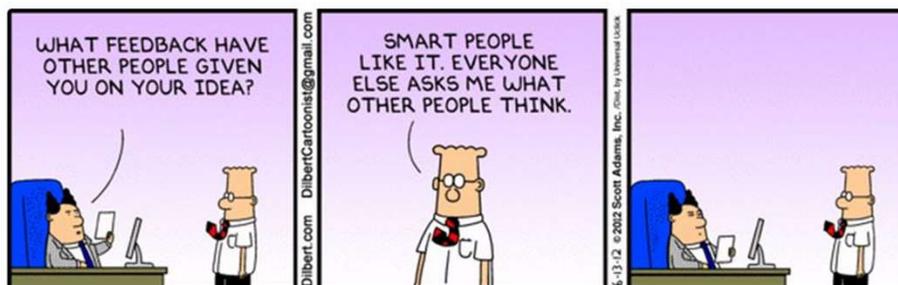
Standard 7.4: Cancer Program Goal

Each calendar year, the cancer program fulfills all of the compliance criteria:

One cancer program goal is established and documented in the cancer committee minutes.

At least **two** substantive status updates on goal progress are documented in the cancer committee minutes in the same calendar year as its establishment.

For any goal extended into a second year, at least one status update is documented in the minutes during the second year to indicate whether the goal was completed.



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National Cancer Data Base Tools



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National Cancer Data Base

- Track and Analyze
- Community Assessment
- Quality Improvement
- Cancer Facility Administration



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RCRS Reports

Quality Measures Comparison (DX Year: 2020)
Note: Report displays data available for the current year - 1.

MEASURE NAME	All CoC Programs (%)	My Facility (%)
12RLN	95	80
ACT	85	80
BCSR1	75	70
GISRLN	95	95
HT	95	95
LCT	90	90
LNoSur	95	95
MAC	90	90
MASTR1	55	55
nb	90	90
RECRCT	80	80

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Hospital Comparison Benchmark Reports

Stage of Breast Cancer Diagnosed in 2018
NCDB Test Facility vs. All Types of Hospitals in All States
All Diagnosis Types - Data from 1,337 Hospitals

STAGE	My Facility (%)	Other (%)
Stage 0	10%	15%
Stage I	42%	55%
Stage II	13%	13%
Stage III	15%	6%
Stage IV	7%	4%
Stage NA	10%	2%
Stage UNK	4%	5%

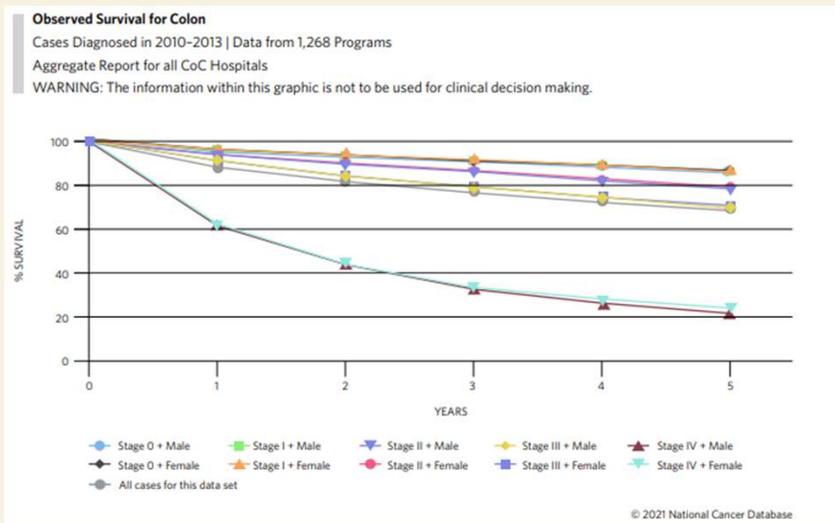
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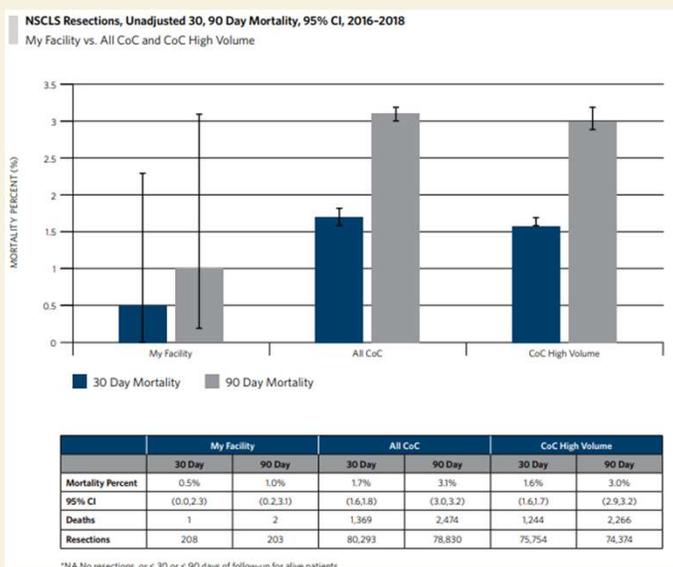
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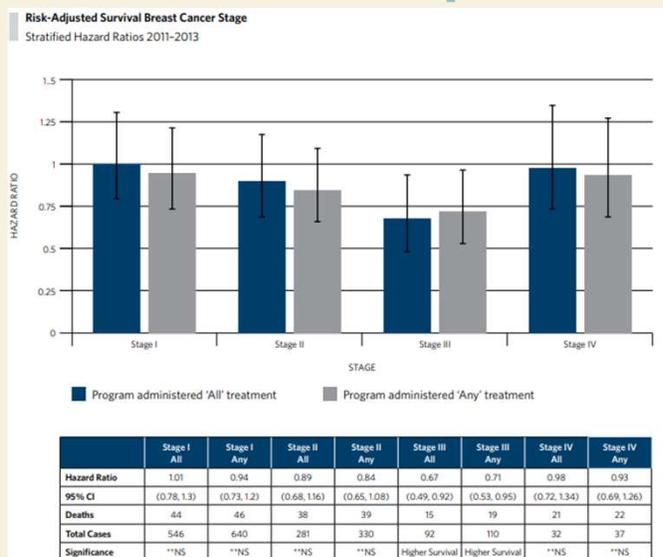
Cancer Quality Improvement Program (CQIP)



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Completeness Reports

Registry Item	Subset (denominator is in range described below)	Subset Description	NAACCR #	Code Evaluated	Benchmark (highlighted if % above this value)	Hospital Percent	Number (Num/ Denom)	Message
1. Date of First Course of Treatment	Class of Case (#610) = 10-22	At least some treatment was provided at the facility	1270	blank day	5%	5.13%	71732 / 1397425	Full date of first treatment or decision not to treat not consistently recorded
2. Rx Summ - Treatment Status	Class of Case (#610) = 0-22	All analytic diagnoses	1285	9	1%	0.4%	5527 / 1397425	High portion of cases with unknown treatment status
3. Chemotherapy at This Facility	Chemotherapy at This Facility (#700) NOT = 00	Patient was given chemotherapy at the facility or it was unknown	700	86, 88, 99	8%	6.11%	24336 / 398263	High unknown for chemotherapy given at this facility (allows that some 88s may not be given yet)

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Site by Stage Distribution

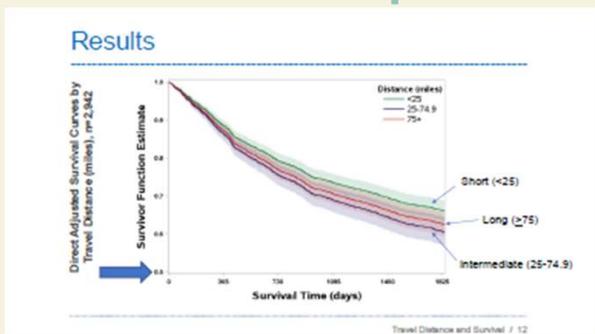
Head and Neck: 172	Stg 0	Stg I	Stg II	Stg III	Stg IV	Unk.	N.A.	All
Lip	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Tongue	0	14	13	11	13	1	5	57
Salivary Gland	0	4	3	5	4	0	0	16
Floor of Mouth	1	4	2	0	4	1	1	13
Gum and Other Mouth	0	9	7	1	21	0	2	40
Nasopharynx	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	4
Tonsil	0	6	7	3	6	2	5	29
Oropharynx	0	1	1	2	1	2	0	7
Hypopharynx	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	4
Other Oral Cavity and Pharynx	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	1	39	34	24	52	7	15	172

NCDB Primary Site-Histology Groupings • View, save or print an "All Sites Report" as [HTML](#) [PDF](#) [Excel](#)

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Participant User Files (PUF)



Site Role	Status
Cancer Committee Chair, NCDB PUF Applicant	Active
Cancer Liaison Physician, NCDB PUF Applicant, NCDB Tools User	Active
Cancer Program Administrator, CoC Contact	Active
Cancer Registry Quality Coordinator, Hospital Registrar	Active
Clinical Research Representative	Active
CoC Contact	Active
CoC Contact, NCDB Tools User	Active
Community Outreach Coordinator	Active
Hospital Co-Registrar	Active
NCDB PUF Applicant	Active

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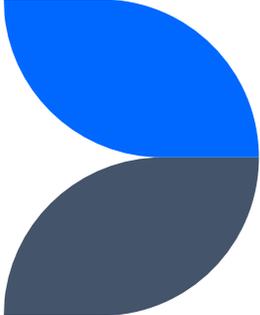


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Evolution Revolution

The Cancer Registrar's Role



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Cancer Registrars: Certified Tumor Registrars (CTR's)

“We Go WAY Back, But We Never Go AWAY!”

- 1926:** First hospital registry at Yale-New Haven Hospital
- 1935:** First central cancer registry established in Connecticut.
- 1956:** American College of Surgeons requires a cancer registry for approved cancer programs.



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Cancer Registrars: Certified Tumor Registrars (CTR's)

“We Go WAY Back, But We Never Go AWAY!”

- **1971:** National Cancer Act budgets monies to the National Cancer Institute for research, detection and treatment of cancer.
- **1973:** Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Program of NCI establishes the first national Cancer Registry.
- **1983:** NCRA's Council of Certification establishes the Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR®) credential.
- **1992:** Congress establishes a National Program of Cancer Registries (Public Law 102-515).
- **1993:** State laws make cancer a reportable disease.



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Cancer Registrars: Certified Tumor Registrars (CTR's)

Highly trained data management **experts** who collect and process cancer data.

The primary responsibilities of the cancer registrar are to collect and consolidate accurate data on cancers diagnosed and/or treated within an institution or other defined population while making important decisions related to those activities.

Cancer registrars' work goes **far beyond** simply collecting cancer data.

They also work closely with physicians and other healthcare professionals, administrators, researchers, and healthcare planners to **provide support** for:

Cancer Program Development

Ensure compliance with reporting standard

Serve as a valuable resource for cancer information.

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Definition Compliments of SEER

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\$how Me the Money!

As of 6/27/2022 the **average** annual pay for a CTR in the U.S. is \$58,732 a year. That works out to be **approximately** \$28.24 an hour. \$1,129 per week, or \$4,894 per month

ZipRecruiter is seeing annual salaries as high as \$85,500 and as low as \$36,000, The majority of CTR salaries currently range between \$50,500 (25th percentile) to \$67,500 (75th percentile) with top earners (90th percentile) making \$75,500 annually across the U.S.

The average pay range for a CTR varies greatly (by as much as \$17,000), which suggests there may be many opportunities for advancement and increased pay based on skill level, location and years of experience.



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\$how Me the Money!

We found jobs related to the CTR job category that pay more per year than a typical CTR salary. Examples of these roles include: Brain Tumor Research, Manager, Cancer Registry and Cancer Registry Manager.

Importantly, all of these jobs are paid between \$22,143 (37.7%) and \$50,876 (86.6%) **more** than the average CTR salary of \$58,732.

Must be qualified, educated, experienced and motivated. What are you waiting for?



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The Good Days



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The Not So Good Days



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Your Future Belongs to You!



*The Best Way
to Predict
Your Future
is to Create it!*

-Abraham Lincoln

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**From Inspiration to
Implementation**

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- Research
- Quality Improvement
- Staging
- Accreditation



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Cancer Registry

- Demand for Cancer Registrars
- Expanding roles and responsibilities
- Technology
- Pay it forward



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Thank You



WHO'S AWESOME?
You're awesome!

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Coming UP...

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 - Guest Host: Denise Harrison, CTR; Louanne Currence, RHIT, CTR
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- Coding Pitfalls 2022
 - Co Host: Janel Vogel CTR
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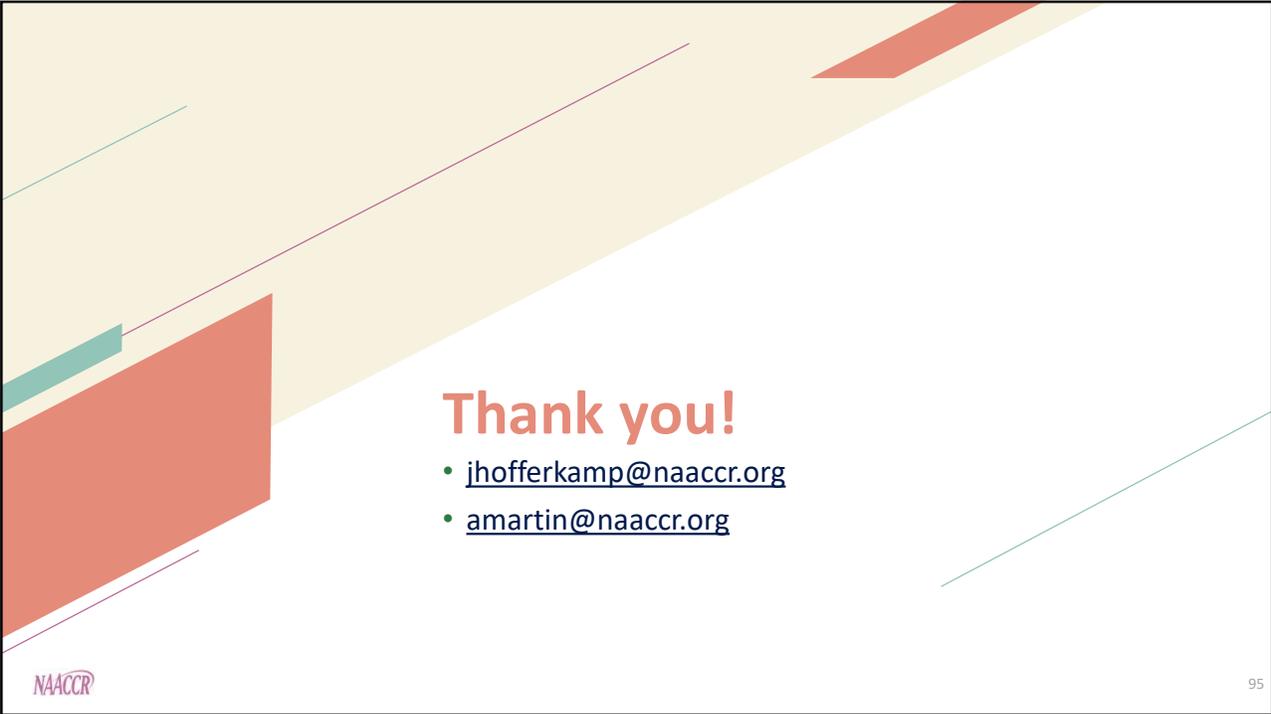
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