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Candidate for: President-Elect/Secretary

Candidate Position Statement  
Certified Tumor Registrars are on the leading edge of oncology big data. Big data is defined as a greater variety, a larger volume and an increasing velocity of electronic information. In recent years, our profession has seen a larger volume, a greater variety of data and will continue to see that with the expansion of the Site Specific Data Items. As the cancer surveillance community experiences the links from CTR’s to Big Data, our value as a profession will increase and our contributions to cancer research and cancer prevention will be undisputed across the healthcare continuum. This is already occurring as CTR’s are aligning their knowledge and expertise with globally funded companies that are pioneering data network exchanges.

With knowledge and expertise, education and professional development must go hand in hand. My personal ethos is that it is my responsibility to ensure I remain up to date and knowledgeable when our standards for data collection changes. That said, it is our responsibility as a professional association to ensure we provide high caliber educational events that our membership will utilize. I strongly advocate for educational offerings from the standard setters when the dataset evolves.

NCRA must continue to serve as Subject Matter Experts for oncology data. In addition, promote and continue to provide educational events to ensure we retain and gain knowledge. Finally, focus on the value of providing high quality data that will safeguard the integrity of the data we collect and analyze for the cancer surveillance community.

It would be an honor to serve as President Elect/Secretary for NCRA so that I may bring my passion for high quality oncology data to the position. Having successfully merged my clinical, informatics and tumor registry knowledge and expertise I would be honored to bring that synthesis to this position.
**Title and Employer**
Director of the Cancer Data Center, Miami Cancer Institute

**Current Occupation**
Director of the Cancer Data Center

**Job Experience**
Moffitt Cancer Center (FL), Director of Cancer Registry 2010-2018.

Bayfront Medical Center (FL), Cancer Registry Manager 2008-2010.


Lawnwood Regional Medical Center (FL), Cancer Registry Manager 1998-2001.

**Education**
Trinity College (Dublin, Ireland); Masters in Computer Science, Health Informatics; 2005.

St. Laurence's School of Nursing (Dublin, Ireland); Registered General Nurse; 1981.

National Board for the Certification of Tumor Registrars: CTR March 1999

**NCRA History**
Director of Professional Development, member of the NCRA Board of Directors 2018-2020

Guest speaker at the National Cancer Registrar Association’s Annual Conference in Denver, CO 2019


Guest speaker at the National Cancer Registrar Associations’ Annual Conference in Washington, DC 2017

Journal of Registry Management, Volume 42, Number 2. The Good, the Bad, the Ugly and the even Better of Rapid Abstracting.

Guest speaker at the National Cancer Registrar Association’s Annual Conference in 2011, 2013 and 2015.

**Other Professional Association Experience**
Poster presentation at the 2015 Gastrointestinal Cancers Symposium (ASCO) Timeline analysis of adjuvant therapy timing in colorectal cancer to improve adherence to the 120-day quality measure.


Board member of the Florida Cancer Registrar Association from 2008 to 2012.

Guest speaker at the Health Informatics Society of Ireland’s annual conference in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

Guest speaker at the Irish Cancer Data Association’s annual conference in 2004.