Announcement
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National Cancer Registrars Association and the American Cancer Society Working Together to Support Cancer Registrars

A critical component of NCRA’s advocacy work is serving as the voice for cancer registrars at meetings with national organizations, standard setters, and federal agencies. The association’s goal is to promote the profession and highlight how the data registrars collect are used to better inform cancer treatment and care and screening programs. NCRA met recently with the staff of the American Cancer Society’s Surveillance and Health Services Research Program to better understand how the two organizations can work more collaboratively. A key outcome of the meeting was a commitment from the ACS to include in the acknowledgement sections of appropriated publications a statement to recognize cancer registrars. That statement is as follows: *The authors gratefully acknowledge all cancer registries and their staff for their hard work and diligence in collecting cancer information, without which this research could not have been done.* To ensure cancer registrars understand how the ACS uses registry data, NCRA will provide the ACA a booth in the exhibit hall at its annual conference to showcase the work of the Surveillance and Health Services Research Program, including its annual *Cancer Facts & Figures* report and the Cancer Statistics Center website. NCRA is grateful to the ACS for supporting the work of registrars and looks forward to identifying additional opportunities to support our shared interests and important work.

**About the American Cancer Society’s Surveillance and Health Services Research Program**
The American Cancer Society uses cancer registry data to produce its annual *Cancer Facts & Figures* report and the Cancer Statistics Center website. The report and site provide detailed statistics on a range of topics, including estimated numbers of new cancer cases and deaths in the current year; current cancer incidence, mortality, and survival rates and trends; and state-level risk factor and screening metrics. The website is a comprehensive interactive resource for learning about the cancer burden in the U.S. and offers a new way to explore the data that the Society publishes in its *Cancer Facts & Figures* report. Learn more at: [https://cancerstatisticscenter.cancer.org](https://cancerstatisticscenter.cancer.org).

**About the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA)**
NCRA is a non-profit organization that represents more than 6,000 cancer registry professionals and Certified Tumor Registrars. The mission of NCRA is to promote education, credentialing, and advocacy for cancer registry professionals. Cancer registrars are data information specialists that capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S. The data provide essential information to researchers, healthcare providers, and public health officials to better monitor and advance cancer treatments, conduct research, and improve cancer prevention and screening programs. Learn more at [www.ncra-usa.org](http://www.ncra-usa.org) and [www.CancerRegistryEducation.org](http://www.CancerRegistryEducation.org).