Barbara J. Dearmon, BS, CTR, Installed as President of the National Cancer Registrars Association

Dearmon is the Oncology Support Services Manager, St. Vincent's HealthCare in Jacksonville, FL

Alexandria, VA, April 19, 2017—Barbara J. Dearmon, BS, CTR, was installed as the president of the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) at its Annual Educational Conference in Washington, DC, on April 8, 2017. NCRA is a non-profit organization that represents more than 5,800 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. In her role as president, Dearmon will represent the organization at regional and national meetings and support its mission to promote education, credentialing, and advocacy for cancer registry professionals.

Dearmon has a well-established career in cancer registry management and earned her Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR) credential in 1990. She is currently the Oncology Support Services Manager at Ascension’s St. Vincent's HealthCare in Jacksonville, FL. Prior to her current position, Dearmon served as the Cancer Program Coordinator and Research Database Manager, Bayfront Health Systems, St. Petersburg, FL; Abstractor, H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center, Tampa FL; Cancer Program Coordinator, Bayfront-St. Anthony’s Health Systems, St. Petersburg, FL; and Tumor Registrar at Manatee Memorial Hospital, Bradenton, FL. She earned her BS in Healthcare Services from the University of Phoenix in Jacksonville, FL.

Dearmon has been an active member of NCRA since 1990, serving on its Council on Certification and as the Chair of the Special Interest Groups (SIG) Hospital Forum. She also served as NCRA’s AHIMA Education Content Coordinator, which provided an opportunity to work with students and future CTRs. Dearmon began her professional volunteer work at the Florida Cancer Registrars Association (FCRA), serving in many capacities, including Program Chair of Florida’s Annual Conference and Chair of the Fundraising Committee. Dearmon serves on St. John’s River State College HIT Advisory Committee representing the cancer registry profession.

Dearmon will focus her year as NCRA president on promoting issues of importance to her and the cancer registry profession. She believes in the power of advocacy and will concentrate on being a strong voice for cancer registrars. Dearmon will support NCRA’s Strategic Plan to promote comprehensive educational opportunities that are cost effective to meet the rapid demands of the profession, improve retention of certified cancer registrars, and ensure NCRA’s financial stability and operational effectiveness. She hopes to inspire and encourage other colleagues to become active and share their knowledge.

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About the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA)  
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