NCRA Policy Statement

Monitoring Changes in Cancer Registry Operations

The National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) is a professional organization that represents Cancer Registrars involved in the collection of cancer diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes data. NCRA recognizes that changes in data collection are essential to reflect improvements in the diagnosis and care of cancer patients.

However, such changes may result in an increase in the time and cost of collecting cancer data to both hospital and central registries. Thus, NCRA believes any changes should be monitored as to their effect before the changes are implemented. NCRA also believes that implementation of such changes should not be started until supporting software is in place.

As a responsible professional organization, NCRA offers to help monitor the effect of these important changes. NCRA is willing to provide an individual(s) to perform peer review to test the impact of any proposed change(s). All findings will be reported back to the appropriate organizations for their review.

NCRA considers itself an essential partner in the prevention and cure of cancer. It supports the activities of all organizations involved with collecting cancer data and offers its help in monitoring necessary changes.

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About the National Cancer Registrars Association

Chartered in May 1974, the National Cancer Registrars Association is a non-profit organization that represents over 4,000 cancer registry professionals and Certified Tumor Registrars. The mission of NCRA is to promote education, credentialing, and advocacy for cancer registry professionals. Cancer Registrars capture a complete summary of patient history, diagnosis, treatment, and follow up status for every cancer patient in the United States, and other countries as well. Cancer Registrars hope their work will lead to better treatments and ultimately, a cure.