Call for Oral and Poster Abstracts
NCRA 47th Annual Educational Conference
June 2-5, 2021
Indianapolis, IN

Share your expertise with the cancer registrar community at NCRA's 47th Annual Educational Conference (NCRA 2021) to be held at the JW Marriott, Indianapolis, IN, June 2-5, 2021. Oral and poster abstracts will be accepted through the 2021 NCRA Online Abstract Collection Site through October 5, 2020. All submissions will be acknowledged and reviewed by the 2021 Program Committee. Authors of selected abstracts will be notified by December 4, 2020.

Submission Guidelines

Through NCRA’s Online Abstract Collection Site, you will be asked to note if your submission is intended as an oral or poster presentation. The 2021 Program Committee will make the final decision on the intended presentation’s format and will ask the presenter for their agreement. Both oral and poster presentation abstracts must include three learning objectives, a 150-word description, and a 100-word presenter bio. NCRA is accepting oral abstract proposals for both plenary (45-60 minutes) and concurrent sessions (45 minutes).

Both oral and poster abstracts should have a short title that is descriptive. The 2021 Program Committee reserves the option to edit titles and descriptions for promotional purposes. Please do NOT send supplemental materials, such as photos, articles, reports, or PowerPoint presentations. These items will not be seen by the Program Committee. Those selected for oral presentations will be asked to submit a PowerPoint presentation and additional materials at a later date. Those selected for poster presentations will receive details on specifications and shipping instructions in January 2021. The person submitting the abstract will be the main point-of-contact, receiving all correspondence from NCRA. They are asked to keep their co-presenters informed.

Topics

COVID-19
• Impact on cancer patients and treatment.
• Impact on data collection.
• Impact on registry operations and management.
• Remote working during COVID-19, including managing productivity, ensuring effective communications and team building, options for virtual cancer conferences, and providing continuing education and training.

Casefinding
• Showcase advanced casefinding practices.
Abstracting/Coding

- Specific, hands-on cases highlighting difficult abstracting and coding issues. Review common errors and how to address them. Focus on advanced-level training and highlight ICD-O topography and histology, grade, solid tumor rules, site specific data items (SSDI), staging, neoadjuvant therapy, and treatment, especially coding radiation.

Top sites of interest include:
- Head and Neck
- Hematopoietic/Leukemia
- Breast
- Lung
- Lymphoma

Cancer Research and Innovations

- Highlight new cancer treatments, including biologic drugs, chemotherapy, immunotherapy, and photon-therapy.
- Provide updates on advancements in genetics and precision medicine.

CoC Standards

- Concurrent abstracting strategies.
- Strategies for implementing new CoC Operative Standards.
- Compliance strategies for select CoC or NAPBC accreditation standards.
- Strategies for preparing for a successful site visit.
- Setting up an NAPRC program.
- Strategies for supporting the cancer committee in monitoring and reporting on quality measures.

Data Quality

- Highlight successes and challenges of transition from RQRS to RCRS.
- Detail successful quality improvement initiatives.
- Best practices in managing data quality.
- Best practices for consistently documenting text in abstracts that support data quality and national guidelines.

Professional Development

- Effective Communication
- Networking
- Volunteering
- Interview Techniques
- Modern Resumes
- Advocacy

Registry Management

- Highlight innovative cancer registry management practices and procedures.
- Provide information and guidance on best practices for workload management.
- Showcase effective tracking and monitoring of registry productivity.
- How to use the data for hospital improvements and program growth.
• Ways to demonstrate to hospital administrators how the cancer registry data provides value.
• Focus on smaller hospital cancer programs, noting their unique challenges and opportunities.

**Central Registries**

• Developing Continuity of Operations Plans (e.g., disasters, furloughs, telework, personal preparedness, etc.)
• Issues of specific interest to central registries.