

ODS Certification | Exam Content Outline (180 items)

1. Legal and Ethical Aspects in the Cancer Registry Profession..... 30 [Closed book]

Laws, regulations, and policies governing release of information, use of medical records, and research
Safeguards for maintaining the confidentiality of protected health information
Professional Ethics
Reporting requirements (e.g., state, provincial, territorial, federal)

2. Cancer Registry Operations..... 45 [Closed book]

CAP; CoC; NAACCR; NCCN; NPCR; SEER
Functions of the different types of cancer registries (e.g., facility, central, specialty)
Central registry-specific edits
Quality improvement principles
Quality control plan elements, activities, and methods
Casefinding and quality assurance audit techniques
Basic statistics (e.g., frequency distributions, measures of central tendency, risk ratio, odds ratio, relative risk)

3. Cancer Registry Data Identification..... 45 [Closed book]

Medical terminology and standard abbreviations
Human anatomy and physiology
Guidelines for reportable case identification
Types and characteristics of cancer
Primary site and histology
Casefinding methods
Hematopoietic and lymphoid neoplasm rules
Pathology reporting
Data items required by standard setters (e.g., CoC, SEER)
Organization and content of source documents (e.g., medical records)
Diagnostic and staging procedures (e.g., PET, MRI, endoscopy)
Prognostic indicators (e.g., HPV, KRAS, HER-2)
Specialty lab testing methods (e.g., RT-PCR, FISH)
Types of cancer treatment appropriate to diagnosis
Follow-up principles and processes

4. Cancer Registry Coding and Abstraction..... 60 [Open-book]

Solid Tumor Rules (STR)
Staging systems and their use (e.g., Summary Stage, TNM)
Cancer treatment coding