



2026 NCRA ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE






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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026		LOCATION
3:00 PM – 6:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN	Marriott Ballroom Foyer
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop: Informatics for Cancer Registry Professionals <i>(In-person only; separate registration required.)</i>	Marriott Ballroom 9-10
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop: ODS Exam Prep: Hands-On Strategies for the Open-Book Section <i>(In-person only; separate registration required.)</i>	Filly-Thoroughbred
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop: CDC-NPCR's Education and Training Coordinators <i>(In-person only; by invitation.)</i>	Kentucky Ballroom F-G
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026		LOCATION
7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN	Marriott Ballroom Foyer
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	Marriott Ballroom Foyer 5-6
8:00 AM – 4:45 PM	Concurrent Workshop: Fundamentals of Abstracting <i>(In-person only; separate registration required.)</i>	Skybox
PLENARY SESSIONS		
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome and Keynote Address: It Takes a Village: Harnessing International Registries and Cooperative Group Efforts to Fuel Breakthroughs in Pediatric Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment <i>Michael J. Ferguson, MD, MS, Division Chief of Pediatric Hematology, Oncology, and Bone Marrow Transplant and Professor of Pediatrics, University of Louisville School of Medicine</i>	Marriott Ballroom 5-6
9:35 AM – 10:20 AM	Charting a Bold New Path Towards More Meaningful and Sustainable Cancer Registries <i>Eric Durbin, DrPH, MS</i>	Marriott Ballroom 5-6 
10:20 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK	Marriott Ballroom Foyer
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	AJCC Staging: Insights into New 2026 Changes and Clarification of Staging Issues <i>Donna Gress, RHIT, ODS</i>	Marriott Ballroom 5-6  
11:50 AM – 12:35 PM	AJCC Oropharynx HPV-Associated and Salivary Glands: Insights from the Expert Panel <i>Raja Seethala, MD</i>	Marriott Ballroom 5-6  
12:35 PM – 2:30 PM	State Networking Lunch <i>Check signage at Registration to confirm that your state is hosting a table and its location for this event</i>	Various



WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026 continued

2:30 PM – 3:15 PM	Applying the Reformatted Solid Tumor Rules with Confidence <i>Denise Harrison, BS, ODS, and Jim Hofferkamp, ODS</i>	 	Marriott Ballroom 5-6
3:20 PM – 4:05 PM	Hidden Trends in AYA Cancers: Are We Asking the Right Questions? <i>Angela Costantini, BA, ODS</i>		Marriott Ballroom 5-6
4:10 PM – 4:55 PM	NCRA Update: Accomplishments and Upcoming Goals <i>Jennie Jones, MSHI-HA, CHDA, ODS, and Lori Swain, MS</i>		Marriott Ballroom 5-6
4:55 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks		Marriott Ballroom 5-6
5:15 PM – 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception and Exhibit Hall Open		Kentucky Ballroom A-E



THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

LOCATION

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN		Marriott Ballroom Foyer
7:30 AM – 4:00 PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN		Kentucky Ballroom A-E
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST IN THE EXHIBIT HALL		Kentucky Ballroom A-E
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Annual Business Meeting		Marriott Ballroom 7-10
8:30 AM – 5:30 PM	Concurrent Workshop: Fundamentals of Abstracting <i>(In-person only; separate registration required.)</i>		Skybox
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Partner Updates <i>Ahmedin Jemal, DVM, PhD (American Cancer Society); Stephanie Hill, MPH, ODS (NAACCR); Serban Negoita, MD, DrPH (NCI-SEER); Paran Pordell, DrPH, MPH, CHES (CDC-NPCR); Alison Van Dyke, MD, PhD, MPA, FCAP (Cancer PathCHART)</i>		Marriott Ballroom 5-6
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL		Kentucky Ballroom A-E

DISEASE SITES

Physicians will provide a detailed review of each case. An ODS-certified cancer registrar will outline the AJCC staging based on information from the physician (clinical/pathological or post-therapy clinical/pathological). In addition, the cancer registrar will review for each case the Summary Stage, Surgical Codes, Site-Specific Data Items, Grade, Extent of Disease, and Solid Tumor Rules.

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM	Disease Site 1: Gynecologic <i>Doctor: Hope Cottrill, MD; Cancer Registrar: Tracy Sumler, BS, ODS</i>	 	Marriott Ballroom 5-6
12:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Educational Poster Presentations and Lunch & Learn Sessions <i>Following lunch, proceed to your choice of Lunch & Learn Sessions</i>		Marriott Ballroom 1-4 or Marriott Ballroom 7-10
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Disease Site 2: Hematopoietic <i>Doctor: Navneet Majhail, MD, MS, FASTCT Cancer Registrar: Leslie Woodard, CHCM, ODS</i>	 	Marriott Ballroom 5-6
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL		Kentucky Ballroom A-E
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Disease Site 3: Pancreatic <i>Doctor: Prakash Pandalai, MD, FACS Cancer Registrar: Kelli Olsen, MS, ODS</i>	 	Marriott Ballroom 5-6
5:30 PM – 5:35 PM	Closing Remarks		Marriott Ballroom 5-6
5:45 PM – 7:15 PM	Recognition and Awards Reception		Marriott Ballroom 1-4












FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026					LOCATION
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	REGISTRATION OPEN				Marriott Ballroom Foyer
7:30 AM – 10:30 AM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN				Kentucky Ballroom A-E
8:00 AM – 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST IN THE EXHIBIT HALL				Kentucky Ballroom A-E
8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Concurrent Workshop: Fundamentals of Abstracting (In-person only; separate registration required.)				Skybox
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Show Me the Data: Advocating for Your Cancer Registry Through Insightful Reporting <i>Karen Mace, RHIT, ODS</i>				Marriott Ballroom 5-6
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	BREAK IN THE EXHIBIT HALL (Winners of the State Assoc. Basket Raffle will be announced)				Kentucky Ballroom A-E
	Hospital Registry Live Streamed Marriott Ballroom 5-6	Central Registry Marriott Ballroom 1-4	CoC Cancer Programs Marriott Ballroom 7-10	Registry Management Kentucky Ballroom F-G	Pediatric  Bluegrass 1-2
CONCURRENT TRACKS					
10:30 AM – 11:15 AM	Using Anatomy to Boost Abstracting Skills <i>Breana Norton, BA, ODS</i> 	Leveraging Informatics Methods and Expertise to Improve Data Quality in the Central Cancer Registry <i>Kacey Wigren, RHIT, ODS</i> 	CoC: Update on Activities and Initiatives <i>Laurie Kirstein, MD, FACS</i>	M&M Conferences: Not Just for Doctors Anymore! <i>Gina McNellis MA, RHIA, GCCR, CHP, ODS</i>	ALL & AML: AYA (and Pediatric) Leukemia Lessons for Advancing Medical Literacy <i>Crista Adams, ODS; Rebecca Moore, ODS</i>
11:20 AM – 12:05 PM	Decreasing Discomfort with Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Primaries <i>Kelli Aimar, BA, ODS</i> 	Using Assistive Technologies (Python, OCR, AI, and NLP) to Process PDF Laboratory Results <i>Tim DeMint</i> 	Tools to Help Manage Your Facilities Accreditations and Ensure Complete Annual Reporting <i>Angela Fraley, ODS</i>	From Standards to Strategy: Personalizing Your Cancer Registry for Precision and Performance <i>Rebecca Renfrew, BS, ODS; Denise Lutkemeier, RN, ODS</i> 	Estimating the Burden Due to Brain and Other CNS Tumors in Children and Adolescents in the United States <i>Carol Kruchko</i>
12:10 PM – 12:55 PM	Co-Morbidities and Cancer Outcomes: Implications for the Cancer Registry <i>Frederick Greene, MD, FACS</i>	Resolving Data Quality Issues <i>Matthew Mayfield, MS, ODS; Farzana Salimi, MPH, ODS</i>	Updates from the NAPBC/ CoC Unification Project <i>Penne Perry, RHIT, ODS; Erin Reuter, JD, MS</i>	Data Roundup: Harnessing Excel and Power BI to Corral Productivity and Quality in Oncology Registries <i>Sherita Hearn, MPH, ODS</i> 	Age Matters: Pediatric vs Adult Lymphoma <i>Stephanie Gutierrez, BS, ODS</i>
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN (See the mobile app for nearby options)				



FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026 continued

	Hospital Registry Live Streamed <i>Marriott Ballroom 5-6</i>	Central Registry <i>Marriott Ballroom 1-4</i>	CoC Cancer Programs <i>Marriott Ballroom 7-10</i>	Registry Management <i>Kentucky Ballroom F-G</i>	Pediatric  <i>Bluegrass 1-2</i>
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CONCURRENT TRACKS

2:15 PM – 3:00 PM	Precision Under Pressure: Radiation Therapy for Head & Neck Cancers <i>Ashley Maxey, BSRT(T), ODS</i> 	Implementing Statewide Pediatric Staging in Kentucky <i>Eric Durbin, DrPH, MS; Michele Hoskins, BA, ODS</i>	National Cancer Database Updates and Upcoming Changes <i>Ryan McCabe, PhD</i> 	Empowering Cancer Registrars: Best Practices for Data Requests and Reporting <i>Penne Perry, RHIT, ODS</i> 	Precision Abstracting: Molecular Markers and Genetics in Pediatric Oncology <i>Stephanie Gutierrez, BS, ODS</i> 
3:05 PM – 3:50 PM	Data Quality Reviews: More than a Chore <i>Amy Warren, BS, ODS</i>	Let's Talk: How a Small Central Registry is Working Towards Building Better Relationships with Reporting Facilities <i>Sherylene Agcaoili, ODS</i>	From Problems to Progress: Building and Sustaining Effective Quality Improvement Projects <i>Eileen Reilly, MSW</i> 	From Data to Dialogue: How AI Empowers Cancer Registry Leaders <i>Ronda Broome, MS, MSHMI, ODS</i> 	The Etiology of Childhood Cancers: How it Differs from Adult Cancers and How Genetics Impact Treatment <i>Gillian Howell, PhD, ODS</i>
3:55 PM – 4:40 PM	How Cancer Registrars Impact Creation, Maintenance, and Utilization of CAP Cancer Protocols <i>Michael Berman, MD; Mildred Jones, BA, ODS</i>	How to Use Internship Programs and Student Practicums to Help Staff Your Registry <i>Jacqueline Neas, ODS; Terri Rice, MSPT, ODS</i>	Jockeying into Position: When the Objective Is NAPRC Accreditation <i>Vanessa Hoffmann, MBA, ODS</i>	Promoting Cancer Registry Data Through Divisional Data Decks <i>Ashley Oates, MHA; Joanne Sexton, ODS</i> 	Telling a Story with Pediatric Data: Let's Get on the Same Page <i>Crista Adams, ODS</i>  
4:40 PM – 4:45 PM	Closing Remarks	Closing Remarks	Closing Remarks	Closing Remarks	Closing Remarks

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026

8:00 AM – 1:00 PM	SEER Symposium: Improving the Quality of Recurrence Data Collection through Cancer Registrar Focused Education <i>Details will be available online later in 2026.</i>	<i>Marriott Ballroom 7-10</i>
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