



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

Updates will be posted to NCRA's website at www.ncra-usa.org/conference.

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TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026

8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop: Informatics for Cancer Registry Professionals (In-person only; separate registration required.)
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop: ODS Exam Prep: Hands-On Strategies for the Open-Book Section (In-person only; separate registration required.)
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Pre-Conference Workshop: CDC-NPCR's Education and Training Coordinators (In-person only; by invitation.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Concurrent Workshop: Fundamentals of Abstracting (In-person only; separate registration required.)

PLENARY SESSIONS

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome and Keynote Address
9:35 AM – 10:20 AM	Charting a Bold New Path Towards More Meaningful and Sustainable Cancer Registries <i>Eric Durbin, DrPH, MS</i>
10:25 AM – 11:00 AM	BREAK
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	AJCC Staging: Insights into New 2025 Changes and Clarification of Staging Issues <i>Donna Gress, RHIT, ODS</i>
11:50 AM – 12:35 PM	AJCC Oropharynx HPV-Associated and Salivary Glands: Insights from the Expert Panel <i>Raja Seethala, MD</i>
12:40 PM – 2:30 PM	State Networking Lunch
2:30 PM – 3:15 PM	Applying the Reformatted Solid Tumor Rules with Confidence <i>Denise Harrison, BS, ODS, and Jim Hofferkamp, ODS</i>
3:20 PM – 4:05 PM	Hidden Trends in AYA Cancers: Are We Asking the Right Questions? <i>Angela Costantini, BA, ODS</i>
4:10 PM – 4:55 PM	NCRA: What's New on the Horizon
4:55 PM – 5:00 PM	Closing Remarks
5:15 PM – 7:00 PM	Welcome Reception and Exhibit Hall Open



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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2026

7:00 AM – 4:00 PM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST IN THE EXHIBIT HALL
7:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Annual Business Meeting
8:30 AM – 4:30 PM	Concurrent Workshop: Fundamentals of Abstracting (In-person only; separate registration required.)
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Partner Updates <i>Ahmedin Jemal, DVM, PhD (American Cancer Society); Stephanie Hill, MPH, ODS (NAACCR); TBD (NCI-SEER); TBD (CDC-NPCR); Alison Van Dyke, MD, PhD, FCAP (CancerPATHChart)</i>
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
DISEASE SITES Physicians will provide a detailed review of each case. An ODS-credentialed 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</i> <i>Cancer Registrar: Tracy Sumler, BA, ODS</i>
12:15 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch and Learns and Educational Poster Presentations
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM	Disease Site 2: Hematopoietic <i>Doctor: Navneet Majhail, MD, MS, FASTCT</i> <i>Cancer Registrar: Leslie Woodard, CHCM, ODS</i>
3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	BREAK IN EXHIBIT HALL
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Disease Site 3: Pancreatic <i>Doctor: Prakash Pandalai, MD, FACS</i> <i>Cancer Registrar: Kelli Olsen, MS, ODS</i>
5:30 PM – 5:35 PM	Closing Remarks
5:45 PM – 7:15 PM	Recognition and Awards Reception



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FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

7:00 AM – 10:30 AM	EXHIBIT HALL OPEN				
7:30 AM – 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST IN THE EXHIBIT HALL				
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Concurrent Workshop: Fundamentals of Abstracting <i>(In-person only; separate registration required.)</i>				
9:00 AM – 9:45 AM	Show Me the Data: Advocating for Your Cancer Registry through Insightful Reporting <i>Karen Mace, RHIT, ODS</i>				
9:45 AM – 10:30 AM	BREAK IN THE EXHIBIT HALL				
	Hospital Registry	Central Registry	CoC Cancer Programs	Registry Management	Pediatric
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; Patricia Thompson, MPH, RHIT, 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 (invited)</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; Quinn Ostrom, PhD, MPH</i>



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	Hospital Registry	Central Registry	CoC Cancer Programs	Registry Management	Pediatric
12:10 PM – 12:55 PM	Co-Morbidities and Cancer Outcomes: Implications for the Cancer Registry <i>Frederick Greene, MD</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				
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 Oncology Data Specialists: 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 (invited)</i>	Central Registries: Building Better Relationships with Reporting Facilities <i>Lindsay Collins, MPA, ODS; Jaime Mauer, 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>Kelly Merriman, MPH, PhD, ODS; Ronda Broome, MS, MSHMI, ODS</i>	The Etiology of Childhood Cancers: The Genetic Changes and the SSDIs that We Code in the Registry <i>Gillian Howell, PhD, ODS</i>
3:55 PM – 4:40 PM	Pathologists and Cancer Registrars: Determining Recurrences <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, BS, BA, 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

