



Look for our new monthly newsletter!

Happy Holidays! It's that time of year again. Shopping, holiday parties, and most importantly spending time with friends and family.

What better time of the year then to introduce our new monthly newsletter?

We're excited to have a way to keep in touch with all of you throughout the year.

In the field of cancer registry, it seems things are always changing. New staging rules, new ways to code multiple primaries, and new reportable histology's and sites. The list goes on and on.

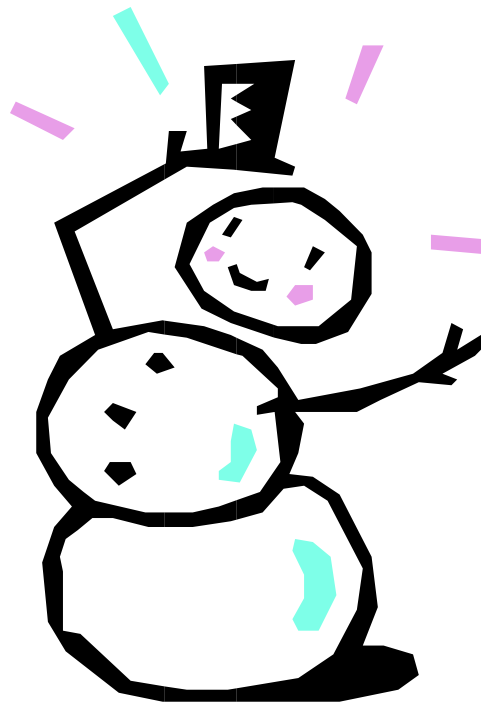
In an effort to help keep you (and ourselves) up to date, we are initiating this

monthly newsletter to help pass new information on to you.

Look for our newsletter the beginning of each month on the Kansas Cancer Registry (KCR) website. Our web address is

(www2.kumc.edu/kcr/). You can find our newsletters by clicking on the "newsletters" link on the left hand side of the page.

If you have any recommendations on topics you'd like to see in upcoming newsletters, contact Nikki Wiedower (nwiedower@kumc.edu).



*Happy Holidays
from
KCR!*

Special points of interest:

- *New Monthly Newsletter*
- *KCR Website*
- *Abstract Plus software available*
- *Updated KCR Manual Available*
- *New FTP Site for electronic submission of data*

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KCR Website

Have you been to the KCR website? Go to www2.kumc.edu/kcr/ and check it out.

On our website you can learn more about KCR, access annual reports, send

comments, view our monthly newsletter, find helpful links, and download needed forms.

You can also search the incidence of cancer in Kansas by county,

cancer site, sex, race, and year.

There is a lot of helpful information on our website and it is updated on an ongoing basis.



New KCR Manual Available

With all the rules that come along with the cancer registry and abstracting cases, it's easy to constantly question ourselves on what we are doing. Is this a reportable case? Is this one primary or two? Which date should I use as the diagnosis date? The questions can be endless.

Well, worry no longer. A new, revised KCR manual is available to help answer your questions. It contains information on topics such as reportable diagnoses, coding principles, and specific coding instruction on recording data.

The new KCR manual is available on our website under the "Downloads" link on the left hand side of the page. Email

Victoria Hundley, vhundley@kumc.edu, to request your password.

Once you gain access to our new manual, you can search each section by keyword to take you directly to your area of interest. Simply select a section of interest (e.g. patient information, tumor information...), click on the binoculars in the toolbar, type your keyword in the "acrobat find" box that pops up, and hit the "find" button.

We've spent a lot of time revising our manual and hope it's perfect. However, if you come across any errors or the information is unclear, please let us know. Go to the "Send Comments" link on our website to inform us of what you have found.

Abstract Plus

Abstract Plus is a computer software program that can be used to summarize medical records into an electronic report of cancer diagnosis and treatment. This software is used by abstractors and other individuals who work with cancer data.

This software has been developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Use of a software program such as this allows electronic submission of data and eliminates having to mail information in to KCR.

Some of you are already using

software programs to abstract cases and submit this information to KCR electronically. For those of you who are not, this program may be a good option for your facility.

KCR has distributed the Abstract Plus software to some Kansas facilities and is in the process of training these facilities in its use. This software is available to all reporting

facilities at no cost and is available through KCR.

We are slowly phasing in to include Text abstract facilities and hope to eventually have all reporting facilities submitting data electronically. If you are interested in use of this software or have any questions, please contact Ron Krebill (rkrebill@kumc.edu).

www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/registryplus/ap.htm

"Abstract Plus is a free abstracting software available to Kansas cancer reporting facilities."

FTP Instructions

Speaking of sending data electronically to KCR, how do you do it? You do it through the use of the University of Kansas Medical Centers FTP Server. This server is a safe & confidential place where you can send your data and where KCR can go to retrieve it. Here are the step-by-step instructions for sending your data electronically.

1. Save your data
 - Hospitals: filename should be H followed by KCR hospital # (e.g. H999)
 - Clinics: filename must begin with your clinic name (e.g. clinicname...)
2. Go to <https://kumc-ftp.kumc.edu/oneNet/NetStorage/~yourfolder>
3. Enter username: **ftpin** & password: **dr7up2410**
4. Click on "OK" button to login
5. Click on the "File" menu below the web address and select the "Upload" option
6. A dialog box will pop up. Click on the "Browse" button
7. Another box will pop up that lists all your files. Select the file where you saved your data.
8. When you've selected your data file, click on the "Upload" button.
9. After your upload is complete, you may upload additional files or logout. To logout, simply select "logout" from the file menu. A successful logout message will be displayed.
10. Email Victoria Hundley (vhundley@kumc.edu) with a CC to John Keighley (jkeighle@kumc.edu) or Ron Krebill (rkrebill@kumc.edu) to notify KCR that the file(s) have been uploaded.

All clinics/physician offices currently reporting cases once every quarter can use the same FTP website if you choose. If you have any questions or problems related to sending your data electronically, please contact us.





Data Available

In need of or curious about data for your area? There are multiple resources available that you can go to.

First, try searching the KCR “Data Query” on the KCR website. Go to www2.kumc.edu/kcr/ and select the “KCR Data Query” link on the left side of the page. Here you can search data by county, cancer site, sex, race, and year.

If you can’t find what your looking for, browse through our annual reports. These are also located on our website by clicking on the “Annual Reports”

link on the left hand side of the page.

If you need more detailed information, you can submit a “Data Request Form” describing more specifically what you need. This form can be downloaded from the KCR website. Go to the “Downloads” link on the left hand side of the page and select “Data Request Form”. Print this form, complete and submit to KCR. You can fax it to 913-588-4790 or email it to Sarma Garimella at sgarimel@kumc.edu with the subject heading “Data Request”.



Questions & Answers

Q: Can the Gleason’s Score or Pattern be used to determine the grade for prostate cancer?

A: Yes. See table below.

Code	Score	Pattern	Grading
1	2,3,4	1,2	Well
2	5,6	3	Moderately
3	7,8,9,10	4,5	Poorly

Do you have a question you would like answered in an upcoming newsletter? Email your question to Nikki nwiedower@kumc.edu

Q: If a “suspicious” cytology is reportable only when a later positive biopsy or a physician’s clinical impression of cancer supports the cytology findings, is the Date of Diagnosis field coded to the later confirmation date rather than to the date of the suspicious cytology?

A: Cytology reported as “suspicious” is not reportable. If the physician confirms the suspicious cytology by making a clinical diagnosis of malignancy, the Date of Diagnosis field is coded to the date of the clinical diagnosis, which may or may not be same date the cytology was performed.

SEER Inquiry System (SINC). Retrieved December 5, 2006, from <http://seer.cancer.gov/cgi-bin/seer inquiry/index.pl>

Links to Helpful Websites

- Kansas Cancer Registry: <http://www2.kumc.edu/kcr/>
- Collaborative Staging Manuals: <http://www.cancerstaging.org/cstage/manuals.html>
- Collaborative Staging Sites: <http://web.facs.org/cstage/schemalist.htm>
- SEER Coding & Staging Manuals: <http://www.seer.cancer.gov/tools/codingmanuals/>
- American College of Surgeons: <http://www.facs.org/cancer/coc/fords>
- FORDS Manual: <http://www.facs.org/cancer/coc/fords/fordsrevised0605.pdf>
- SEER Interactive Drug Database: <http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/seerrx/>
- Abstract Plus: http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/tools/registryplus/ap_manuals.htm
- Kansas Department of Health and Environment: <http://www.kdheks.gov/bhp/index.html>



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The Kansas Cancer Registry (KCR) , under the direction of Dr. Sue Min Lai, has expanded in recent years to collect and maintain a population based longitudinal database of all Kansans diagnosed with cancer.

KCR is the only population-based source of information on cancer incidence in the State of Kansas. It provides information on the occurrence of cancer, stage at diagnosis, survival and sub-populations affected by different types of cancer. Registry information can be used by researchers to evaluate the effectiveness of new treatments and by public health professionals to implement and monitor prevention efforts.

Thanks to facilities across the state of Kansas who report cancer cases, KCR has quality data to help in the fight against cancer.

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