

ARKANSAS CENTRAL CANCER REGISTRY

April 2024 Monthly Newsletter



HAPPY NCRW!!!!



NCRA provides Informational Abstracts to assist in abstracting certain primary sites in addition to guidance for text inclusion. Some of the sites included are: Benign Brain, Cervix, Larynx, and Lymphoma to name a few. Click on the [NCRA Informational Abstracts](https://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/rr) link to download or go to <https://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/rr>.

ACCR EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES

Topic: Text Review
Presenter: Janet Ralieg, ODS-C

Date/Time: May 14, 2024 @ 12 pm CST
Register via: [FLccSC](#)

Overview: This webinar will cover the importance of using text in cancer abstracts. ACCR requires text to support coded fields.

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be able to show an in-depth knowledge of text requirements, formatting, correct NAACCR and ACCR abbreviation usage and an understanding of the importance of complete comprehensive text. Case examples are included.

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UPCOMING CONFERENCES

8th Biennial Minority Health Summit/Chronic Disease Forum

The Arkansas Minority Health Commission and the Chronic Disease Center will host its Summit/forum, “Maternal Health in Arkansas: When Chronic Disease and Social Drivers Intersect” at the Venue at Westwind on Tuesday, April 23, 2024 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Event Details

- Summit Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- Time: Breakfast/Registration from 8:00 am – 9:00 am
- Program: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (with lunch)
- Location: The Venue at Westwind, 7813 Windsong Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118
- Dress Code: Business Casual

Registration information: <https://arcdcc.org/chronic-disease-forum/>



**25th Arkansas Cancer Summit
and Awards Banquet**

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**Virtual 21st Clearing the Air in
Communities of Color Conference**

25 years! This year, we celebrate 25 years of the Arkansas Cancer Summit. We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the village that has marched with us in the fight to create a cancer-free Arkansas. Join us for the 21st Clearing the Air in Communities of Color Conference followed by a special awards evening in recognition of our cancer and tobacco control stars!

Dates and registration are as follows:

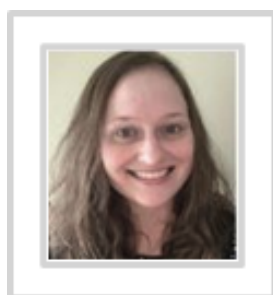
- **Wednesday, May 8, 2024 | 9:00am to 1.15pm | Via Zoom:** 21st Clearing the Air in Communities of Color Conference (Via Zoom)
- **Wednesday, May 8, 2024 | 5.00pm | Little Rock Marriot:** Awards Banquet
- **Thursday, May 9, 2024 | 7.30am to 3.15pm | Little Rock Marriot:** 25th Arkansas Cancer Summit

Registration information: <https://arcancercoalition.org/arkansas-cancer-summit/>

ACCR’s Director, Lindsay Collins, and Cancer Surveillance Manager, Daniela Ramirez Aguilar, will be facilitating sessions on May 9th. We hope to see you there!



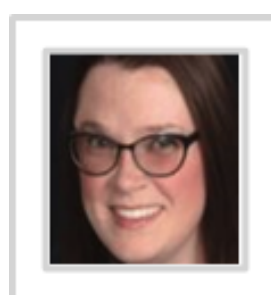
Attending the NCRA 50th Annual Educational Conference?
These friendly faces would love to meet you and say hello.



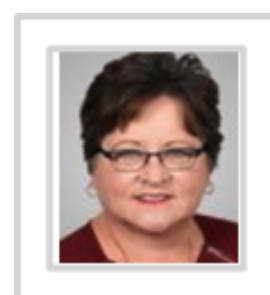
Lindsay



Daniela



Melissa



Mary

ACCR Director, Lindsay Collins, and Cancer Surveillance Manager, Daniela Ramirez Aguilar, who also has a poster presentation! Check it out!

ACCR New Educational Training Coordinator, Melissa Chapman, and QA Mary Mesnard would also enjoy meeting you!

Registration information: <https://www.ncra-usa.org/Conference/2024-NCRA-Annual-Conference>

North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) Annual Conference

Cancer Data Registry of Idaho (CDRI) welcomes NAACCR to the 2024 Annual Conference in Boise! Idaho is known as the Gem State, and our theme for this year is “Discovering Gems Using Cancer Surveillance Data”.

Event Details

- Conference Dates: June 25-27, 2024
- Location: Boise Center
- 850 W Front St, Boise, ID 83702

Registration information: <https://www.naacr24boise.org/>



MONTHLY ABTRACTOR TIPS

- Effective with 2018 Diagnosis year, the STM rules require Pilocytic Astrocytoma of the Optic Nerve to have a behavior code of '1', per WHO/IARC guidance. Applicable cases are site code C72.3, histology code 9421.
- Use NAACCR and ACCR approved abbreviations in text. See text example(s) below.
- Microscopic diagnosis based on positive tissue specimen from biopsy, frozen section, surgery, autopsy or D&C or from aspiration of biopsy of bone marrow = code 1. Diagnostic confirmation for all in situ cases must equal 1. Diagnostic confirmation code 9 'Unknown', is typically used for nonanalytic cases.

ACCR frequently receives abstracts from multiple facilities that must be consolidated into one case. Abstracts must contain coordinating text for ACCR to assure that what is entered into the database is the most accurate information for each case reported. Text must provide the rationale for selecting the codes assigned to primary site, histology, extent of disease, and treatment fields. A comprehensive review of the importance of text, format, requirements, etc. will be reviewed in the upcoming May 2024 'Text Review' ACCR Educational Webinar Series.



Text entry examples:

56-year-old married white male presents with elevated PSA, negative digital rectal exam and nocturia. Patient's urologist ordered prostate biopsy, completed at XYZ Hospital. Positive biopsy findings of prostate adenocarcinoma, Gleason score 3+3=6.

Physical exam text entry:

Incorrect

56 yr old MWM presents with elevated PSA, ngtve digital rt exm and nocturia. Ptnt's URO ordered prostate bpsy, completed at XYZ Hospital. Pstv bpsy with prostate Adeno, Gl score 3+3=6.

Correct

56 YO married WM with ^ PSA, neg DRE & nocturia. Prostate bx completed at XYZ Hosp. Prostate Adenoca, Gleason score 3+3=6.

- No abbreviations are available for marital status. Negative and positive may also be indicated by using (-) or (+).
- Always review NAACCR and ACCR approved abbreviations, click on the links below or enter the links into your internet browser.

NAACCR approved abbreviations

<https://apps.naacr.org/data-dictionary/data-dictionary/version=23/chapter-view/abbreviations-and-acronyms/recommended-abbreviations-for-abstractors/>

State of Arkansas Reporting Manual 2022 – Appendix D – Medical Abbreviation List

<https://adhcancer.arkansas.gov/Documents/ReportingManual2022.pdf>

RULES FOR ARKANSAS CANCER CASE REPORTING

In accordance with Arkansas cancer reporting law, all licensed health care facilities and providers are required to report cancer cases to the ACCR no later than six months after the date of diagnosis of cancer and/or initial treatment of cancer.

All cancer cases that were diagnosed or began initial treatment on or before October 31, 2023, should have been reported to ACCR. If you still have cases remaining from this period, report them immediately. Cases should be reported via WebPlus.

Month	Abstract due to ACCR	Follow-up Month	Follow-up and case update due
September 2023	March 2024	September of the Year Before	October 1
October 2023	April 2024	October of the Year Before	November 1
November 2023	May 2024	November of the Year Before	December 1

ACCR NEWS

ACCR updated and posted the ACCR Reportable List for 10/01/23 through 09/30/24 diagnoses and the NAACCR v24 ACCR Required Items List. Important ACCR resources and cancer reporting materials at ACCR's resources and utilizes page! Click this link or enter it into your internet browser: adhcancer.arkansas.gov.

ACCR research projects and presentations are available on the Arkansas Department of Health's website located at <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-cancer-registry>. Check out Arkansas's Cancer Facts and Figures and look forward to a new publication coming in July 2024!

Questions?

Check out our Frequently Asked Questions on the ADH website! https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/FAQs_about_ACCR.pdf.

Need assistance getting set up with cancer case reporting or are you experiencing issues with WebPlus? Contact Clint Lemons at 501-661-2141 or clint.lemons@arkansas.gov.

For all other questions or for more information on the Arkansas Central Cancer Registry, email us at ADH.ACCR@arkansas.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!

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