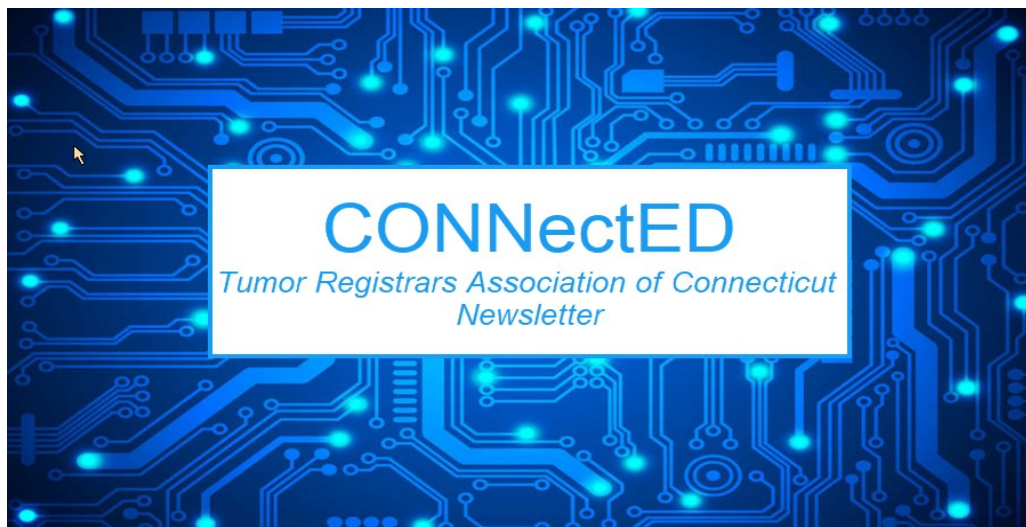




Summer has always been good to me, even the bittersweet end, with the slanted yellow light.”

Paul Moetette

President's Message:

Greetings TRAC members!

It was so good to see everyone at the one-day NAACCR/TRAC meeting in Hartford in June. I enjoy being able to attend virtual meetings, but there is nothing like talking to someone face-to-face. All the speakers were fantastic and attendees were able to claim up to 7.75 CEIPs!

We are in the process of planning for a virtual fall meeting. Speakers are currently being confirmed, but if you have any suggestions for topics please reach out to one of the executive committee members and block off November 6th on your calendars!

Remember that this is an election year so please consider volunteering yourself or nominating a member who would embrace the opportunity to support and advance your local cancer registry organization and fellow ODS's.

Be sure to get out and enjoy the summer weather while it lasts but don't forget to protect yourselves from the UV rays!

As always, send any comments, suggestions, or ideas to the TRAC website, ct-trac.org.

Respectfully,

Rosemary Crawford

TRAC President



The best time to visit Connecticut is during late spring from May to June or during early fall in September to October.

Connecticut has usually agreeable weather conditions that mimic the rest of the area of New England.



FALL MEETING THURSDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2025

MEETING OPENS 8:30 AM

WELCOME PRESIDENT ROSEMARY CRAWFORD

SPEAKER: ASHLEY MAXEY 8:45AM - 9:45AM
RADIATION

SPEAKER: JANET VOGEL 9:45AM -10:45AM
REGISTRY ROLLERCOASTER: ABSTRACTING SHENANIGANS AHEAD!

MORNING BREAK/GIVEAWAYS: 15MIN

SPEAKER: ERIN WEBER 11:00AM - 12:00PM
EXCEL-LENCE UNLEASHED: MASTERING THE POWER OF SPREADSHEETS PART 1

LUNCH BREAK/GIVEAWAYS : 45 MIN

SPEAKER: ERIN WEBER 1:00PM -2:00PM
EXCEL-LENCE UNLEASHED: MASTERING THE POWER OF SPREADSHEETS PART 2

SPEAKER: JEANIE HARTLEY 2:00PM-3:00PM
ABSTRACTING CORPUS UTERI

MEMBERS ONLY BUSINESS MEETING 3:15-4:30PM

Please go to Events (ct-trac.org) to register for this event. In addition, you will also find the detailed agenda attached. The meeting will take place on November 6, 2025, 8:30am-4:30pm. This event is FREE for TRAC members and \$51 for non-TRAC members. Payment options include the following: Cash App, PayPal, Check. The deadline for registration and payment is November 1, 2025.

We are awaiting NCRA approval for CEs. More information to follow.

Summer TRAC Education Meeting Overview from Secretary Perspective

I speak for the executive committee as a whole when I express our deepest gratitude to everyone that took the time out of their busy schedules to attend this in-person meeting. Having the ability to network “face-to-face” with several TRAC members was exceptional. For many of us, this was the first time post-pandemic that we were able to do this and it felt great to return to normalcy in a sense.

The educational meeting was packed full of beneficial topics ranging from data quality, setting yourself up for success as a lifelong learner, key abstracting topics and strengthening our communication skills. Personally, I believed this to be one of the most well-rounded TRAC meetings in reference to topics that we’ve seen since my time on the board. I enjoyed the enthusiasm that all of these speakers presented in their own ways mixed with humor, information and the utmost respect for the registry community as a whole.

Needless to say, we will have big shoes to fill as we prepare for the fall virtual meeting. If you have any topic suggestions, please feel free to contact us. We look forward to “seeing you all” in November. Thank you for your continued support as TRAC members.

Cheers,

Tara Manwaring



“I'm too hot to play, too hot to run, too hot to think, too hot for fun. I'll sit here in the shade, if I can, But I'm sure the shade is getting tan!”



Report from the Connecticut Tumor Registry

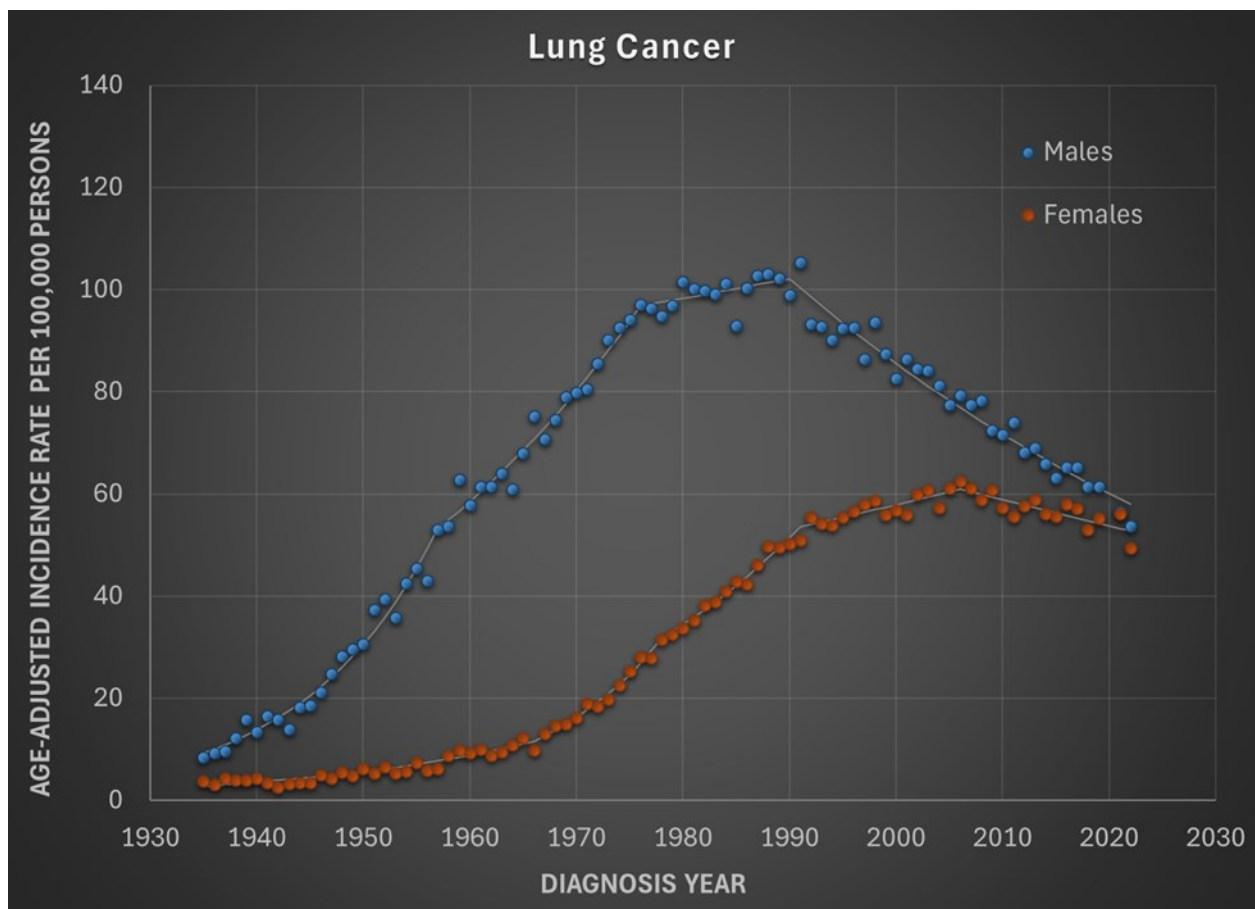


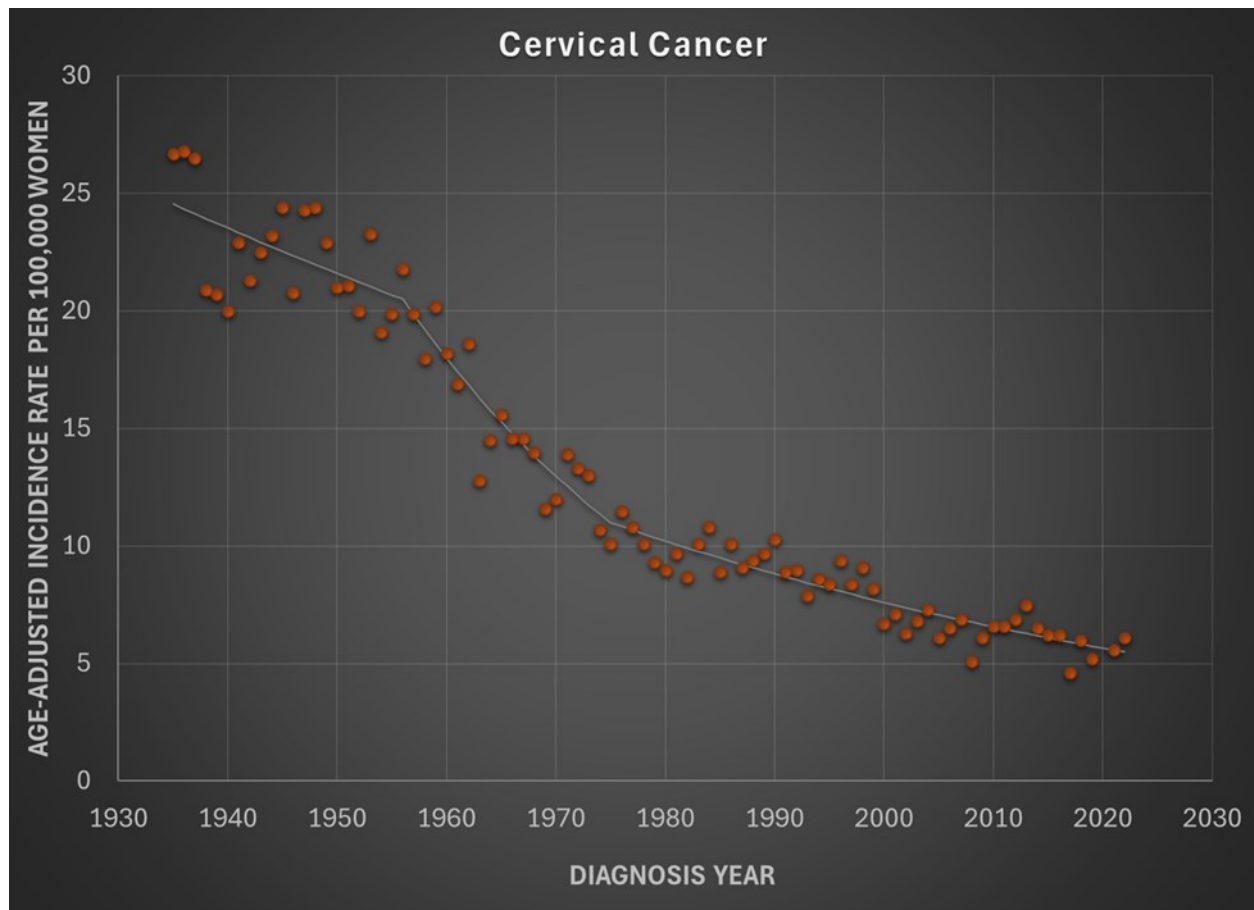
CTR Stat Bytes

As the Connecticut Tumor Registry celebrates its 90th anniversary, the charts below highlight the CTR's ability to track cancer incidence trends prior to and after the implementation of major cancer control interventions, making our database a unique and invaluable cancer surveillance resource.

The first chart shows trends in the incidence of lung cancer in Connecticut men and women.

Lung cancer incidence rates have mirrored patterns of smoking in men and women, albeit with a 20 to 30-year lag, demonstrating the success of tobacco control policies in the state.





Trends in the incidence of cervical cancer in Connecticut women are displayed in the second chart. PAP screening became widespread in the 1950s and 1960s leading to a steady decrease in the incidence of cervical cancer. PAP screenings are highly effective in detecting cervical cancer early, when it is most treatable. Early detection significantly improves the chances of successful treatment and survival.





There has been quite of activity over the Summer and early Autumn, both on the national level and various local and regional. Below are listed a smattering of all:

Cancer Surveillance Finds Success with Federal Funding in the US Senate Appropriations Committee:

The US Senate Committee on Appropriations today approved the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, providing support to strengthen America's workforce and fund important health and education programs. NCRA is thrilled to announce that this package includes \$53.4M for the CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) for FY 2026.

While this is flat funding from the current FY, it is a remarkable achievement given that the Administration's budget proposal for FY 2026 was to eliminate funding for the NPCR completely. Additional positive news also came out of the vote today for the cancer programs at the National Institutes of Health which was facing a 40% cut in the Administration's FY2026 budget but instead will receive an increase in funding. Specifically, the NCI budget was approved with an increase of \$150 million over FY25.

"As overjoyed as we are to see the Senate Appropriations Committee, in bipartisan fashion, make a strong statement about the vital role of cancer surveillance in America, we remain guarded as the House of Representative's has yet to offer its amendments to the Administration's FY 2026 budget proposal. That effort in the House was recently postponed until September so we will need to work to encourage the Representatives to support cancer surveillance in a similar fashion at both CDC and NCI" said Lori Swain, Executive Director of the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA). NCRA has played an active role in educating Congress on the importance of cancer surveillance since the Administration's FY 2026 budget was released in May. Through collaborating with partners and support of over 100 volunteers, NCRA believes its messages to reinstate funding to continue support of CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR), and to remove the 40% reduction proposed in FY'26 for NIH to fully support the Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results Program (SEER) are resonating with members of Congress.

NCRA will release more information on the appropriation details as they become available. Meanwhile, the Senate Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriation Bill, 2026 can be read at the link below.

https://www.ncra-usa.org/Portals/68/PDFs/Advocacy/fy26_lhhs_senate_report.pdf



Another Success for U.S. Cancer Surveillance – House of Representatives Offers Initial Support for CDC-NPCR and NCI-SEER Funding

The U.S. House of Representatives' Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies released its report today outlining details of its approved Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 funding recommendations with great news for cancer surveillance. The report follows the Subcommittee vote on September 2 and will be considered by the full House Appropriations Committee on September 9 where it is expected to be approved. Subcommittee Chairman Robert Aderholt (R-AL) noted that the recommendations in the report "balance the need for responsible fiscal stewardship while maintaining key investments in biomedical research, schools, and public health."

The National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) is pleased to announce that the FY26 package includes \$53.4M for the CDC's National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR). While this is flat funding, it is a remarkable achievement given the Administration's budget proposal for FY26 eliminated funding for NPCR. Additional positive news includes support for the cancer programs at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which was facing a 40% cut in the Administration's FY26 budget. Such a cut would have negatively impacted NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Program. The Subcommittee recommended an increase in funding of \$48M over FY25 levels for National Cancer Institute for a total of \$7.272B.

Lori Swain, NCRA's Executive Director, stated that "This was the second successful step of a journey that began in May 2025 when the Administration's FY26 proposed budget shockingly reduced, or eliminated, funding for U.S. cancer surveillance. While we celebrate that both the Senate and House have heard our messages for continued funding of the nation's cancer surveillance system, we still need to be present and have our voices heard throughout the FY26 budget process. NCRA will continue its efforts until the FY26 funding for cancer surveillance at CDC-NPCR and the NCI-SEER Program are 100% secured."

Since the Administration's FY 2026 budget was released, NCRA has played an active role in educating Congress on the importance of cancer surveillance. Through collaborating with its partners, support of over 100 volunteers, and the engagement of more than 2,500 members of the cancer surveillance community, messages to reinstate funding to continue support of CDC-NPCR and NCI-SEER resonated with members of Congress.

NCRA will release more information on the appropriation details as they become available. Meanwhile, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies' Appropriation Bill 2026 – Report on the Committee on Appropriations can be read here:

[https://www.ncra-usa.org/Portals/68/Press Releases/Departments of Labor Health and Human Services and Education and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill 2026. Report.pdf](https://www.ncra-usa.org/Portals/68/Press%20Releases/Departments%20of%20Labor%20Health%20and%20Human%20Services%20and%20Education%20and%20Related%20Agencies%20Appropriations%20Bill%202026.%20Report.pdf)

To participate in this advocacy effort to and to stay informed with other similar efforts, visit the NCRA [Advocacy Action Center](#).



Here's some good news in oncology from around the world to brighten your day with these positive notes:

- Researchers in Europe reported that low-dose aspirin cut colorectal cancer recurrence by more than 50% in certain patients.
- Doctors in India successfully performed their first HIPEC surgery for ovarian cancer, expanding access to advanced treatment.
- A US trial of a KRAS-targeted cancer vaccine showed encouraging early results for pancreatic and colorectal cancers.
- Scientists identified cancer-fighting molecules from guava plants, pointing to more affordable therapies.
- A new oral drug for glioma was shown to more than double progression-free survival with manageable side effects.