Our Mission

- **T**o support professional standards and ethics for cancer registry professionals.
- **R**aise the level of knowledge and performance of the cancer registrar through continuous education.
- **A**pprise members of the Association of current activities, research, and trends in oncology.
- **C**ontribute to the betterment of patient care through research and education in cancer registry administration.
- **S**eek active liaison with professional and government organizations which utilize data received from tumor registrars.

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PR & COMMUNICATIONS

Stay Connected with our Organization's updates on our Website www.trac-ct.org.

Social Media: Network with us on **Linked In** and follow us on **Facebook**!

If you would like to contribute to this newsletter, please email us: TRAC@trac-ct.org

EDUCATION

Please consider topics and/or faculty for our Annual Educational meeting. We have a committee to help plan and secure speakers.

Contact Kashanna Hector @ kashanna.hector@ct.gov

2022 MEMBERSHIP

Currently we have 42 members.

A member of TRAC receives cost savings on education, opportunities to network with supportive professionals, and a chance for personal and professional development. Join now!

Remember to renew your membership for 2023.

President's Message

Rosemary Crawford

Hello TRAC members,

I can't believe how fast summer has flown by, and now it's already fall! Fall brings cooler weather, shorter days and-TRAC's annual meeting. This year our annual (virtual) meeting will be on Wednesday, November 9th. Please save the date!

The Executive Committee and Board of Directors are working on building our new website. I am so excited for this! Our old website was a little outdated, so it was time for a refresher. In addition, a survey was sent recently with new logo options. I can't wait to see TRAC's new look!

There has been talk of having an in-person social gathering at a vineyard. Please let us know your thoughts on this.

It is time for the annual review of our By-laws. Please review the proposed changes prior to the annual meeting. We will vote on the changes at that time. The TRAC bylaws will be sent with this Newsletter as an attached document.

TRAC Bylaws Revisions-November 2022

- Article III, Section II:

  - Section renamed "Membership Forms"

  - Subsections A and B revised to be consistent with current practice, i.e.: TRAC does not require potential new members to submit applications and have them screened to determine the candidate's eligibility.

- Article V, Section I:

  - Section revised from the TRAC Secretary's preparation of the members eligible to vote with the Treasurer. This is consistent with current practice.

- Article VI, Section I:

  - Grammatical error corrected in subsection A

- Article VI, Section III:

  - Grammatical error in subsection A corrected

  - Grammatical error corrected in subsection C

- Article VIII, Section I:

  - Grammatical error corrected in subsection A

- Article VIII, Section II:

  - Subsection A revised to be consistent with current practice, removing the Membership Committee's review and acceptance or rejection of potential new members. Language added to include issuance of the "Members Only" password to new members.

- Article XI, Section I:

  - Subsection A language revised from "mailed" to "e-mailed"

- Article XIII, Section I:

  - Subsection A language revised from "mailed" to "e-mailed"

- Page numbers added to document

That's all for now-hope to see you all at our annual meeting!

Vice President's Message

Kashanna Hector-Lebby

The May 2022 Annual TRAC Educational Meeting earned 6 credits! 40 people attended. Thank you all that attended!! Please consider hosting a meeting for TRAC in 2023! We have a committee to help plan and secure speakers. If you would like to host, contact Kashanna Hector-Lebby kashanna.hector@ct.gov or email TRAC@trac-ct.org

Education Announcements:

Save the date for our Fall Annual Education Conference 11-9-2022. Agenda and registration materials will be coming soon.

Did you know Cancer Registry World has a monthly podcast series?? Be sure to listen to this great monthly podcast hosted by Dr. Frederick l. Rick Greene.

In the September 6, 2022 edition – A Conversation with Lejla Hadzikadic-Gusic - Breast surgeon at Atrium Health Levine Cancer Institute

https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/cancer-registry-world/id1616700876

FROM THE STATE

CTR RESOURCES UPDATES FOR 2023

SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2023 released September 14, 2022

The 2023 manual is to be used for cases diagnosed January 1, 2023, and forward.

https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/codingmanuals/

The 2023 ICD-O-3.2 histology code and behavior update includes comprehensive tables listing all changes made after the 2022 update and is effective for cases diagnosed 1/1/2023 forward. The 2023 update tables include columns for each standard setter which indicates if each code and/or term is required for data collection and submission.

https://www.naaccr.org/icdo3/

STORE MANUAL 2023 Released 8-1-2022

https://www.facs.org/media/ko4lo4e4/store-manual-2023.pdf

File*Pro Software

Version 3.39 released Sept 20, 2022

File*Pro software is a free software available from the SEER website (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/filepro/) The software has a number of uses and is used extensively by CTR staff to evaluate and modify NAACCR files. These are some of the features:
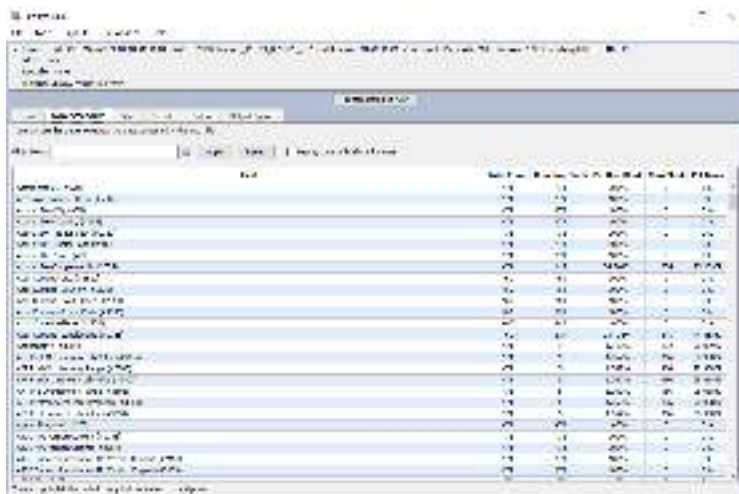
File*Pro can be used to view and manage data that are stored in text files. It is primarily designed for managing large cancer data files formatted according to the NAACCR Data Standards (Volume II), but it can be configured to be used with any data stored in a fixed column or CSV file format. The software allows complex filters and recode rules to be applied to the data, which is then displayed in a table or used to re-create the input file.

- File*Pro is easy to use:
  - Anyone can open a file and view data in a table (no programming required)
  - You can select fields by NAACCR item number or field name. You do not need to know the column location.
  - You can use File*Pro to:
    - View records in a table
    - Calculate derived fields and create a new data file
    - Provide other staff with saved searches or saved recode algorithms
    - Fix common problems like line length, end of line char, etc
    - Explore the data using SQL

IT Considerations

- File*Pro is a pure standalone Java application; it is distributed with its own embedded Java Runtime Environment (JRE) and has no other dependencies. The version of the embedded JRE can be checked in the "jre/release" file. The software itself is released with embedded third-party Java Archive (JAR) libraries available online in Maven Central
- The application doesn't connect to the internet unless the "Check for Updates..." menu item is used. It uses two folders on the local machine (other than the folder where it's installed):
  - it creates a ".filepro" folder under the user's home folder (it contains preferences, recent open files, logs, etc.)
  - it creates a "filepro" folder under the user's document folder (it contains file layouts, recode scripts, etc. that the user saves while using the application)

Screen Shot of File*Pro

Cancer Awareness For October

National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Liver Cancer Awareness Month

October 8, 2022 - World Hospice and Palliative Care Day

October 13, 2022 - Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day

October 16-22, 2022 - National Health Quality Week

October 21, 2022 - National Mammography Day

Cancer Awareness For November

Carcinoid Cancer Awareness Month

Lung Cancer Awareness Month

National Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month

National Stomach Cancer Awareness Month

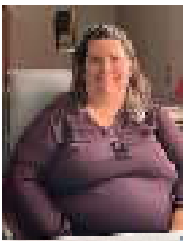National Marrow Awareness Month

November 10, 2022 - World Neuroendocrine Tumor Awareness Day (NET Cancer Day)

November 17, 2022 - Great American Smokeout

November 17, 2022 - World Pancreatic Cancer Day

From the Treasurer's Desk

Tricia Iaquinto, CTR

I would like to introduce myself. I am Patricia (Tricia) Iaquinto, the new TRAC Treasurer. I have been with the State of CT Central Registry for 6.5 years. I look forward to serving as your Treasurer and bringing on new members. In my spare time, I enjoy traveling, camping and spending time with my family.

From the Editor's Desk

Mary Fleming, CTR, MSOL

Hurricane Ian – It's impact on Florida hospitals

By now, we are all aware of the category 4 Hurricane that struck Florida's west coast on Wednesday, September 28th making landfall on Cayo Costa Island. It's effect was devastating to property, businesses, and infrastructure. It's hard enough to deal with a disasters like this when you are healthy, cognisent, and mobile. What happens to those people who are not? The elderly, sick, diasabled? Those confined to nursing home and hospitals? The Florida Health Care Association reports that there were approximately 8,000 patients evacuated from 47 nursing homes and 115 assisted living facilities. The three hospitals in Lee County, where Ian hit, are without water. No electricity. Damage to the hospital structures. Staff either not able to get to work or not able to leave work Elective surgeries were canceled. Emergency rooms closed. Radiation oncology, ambulatory surgery centers, urgent care clinics, all closed. As we know, consistancy in treatment is very important to the efficacy of treatment modalities. Missing a chemo or radiation treatment has an impact on the patient.

Florida Cancer Specialists & Research Institute has 100 locations in Florida with the majority of them on the Gulf Coast. It halted all but 1 medical office. FCS provides oncology care state wide. As of 10/6/22 only seven have re-established care.

What needs to be done? Contacting patients to reschedule appoints. Hard to do when many are still without electricy. Make arrangements for treatment elsewhere. Roads and bridges have been washed away. Trees and pieces of buildings fill the roads. Provide a hot-line for patients to get information and speak to a healthcare professional. Again, no electricty for land lines and many cell towers are down. What about clinicians and staff? Well, they're experiencing the same problems as the patients. Their homes destroyed, no power, no water, and so on. Imagine the amount of stress they're under right now. Incredible.

The only fortunate thing I can think of for this situation is the fact that Hurricane recovery is not a new idea for Florida. They've been through this before and will again. I've listed some web sites (there are many) that are directed for Hurricane Ian help. If you're so inclined and are able to do so, please consider giving. Please beware of fake sites. Make sure the association you choose is legitimate.

National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster   www.nvoad.org
Salvation Army Hurricane Relief   give.helpsalvationarym.org
FEMA   www.fema.gov
Fidelity Charitable   fidelitycharitable.org/guidance/disaster-relief
Project Hope   secure.projecthope.org
American Humane   americanhumane.org/monitoring-hurricane-ian