



President's Message:

Happy New Year TRAC members,

I hope everyone had time over the holidays to spend with family and friends and to relax a little. Now it's time for us to dive into planning our spring educational conference!

We have met with NAACCR and are working out details for our IN PERSON meeting on Wednesday, June 4th at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, CT. There will be a special one-day conference rate of \$80 available to TRAC MEMBERS ONLY and will include the NAACCR program in the morning and the TRAC meeting in the afternoon. Breakfast and a light afternoon snack will be included. And of course attendees will receive the newly required CEIPs (total CEs are still being determined). Please stay tuned; more details to come. For more information on the conference, please go to the NAACCR website which will be updated frequently: <https://www.naaccr2025hartford.com/>

Don't forget, the Terri Vega Memorial Scholarship deadline is March 31st. The scholarship can be used for the NAACCR/TRAC conference registration fee!

As always, please feel free to contact us with comments/questions/suggestions. TRAC@ct-trac.org

Respectfully,

Rosemary Crawford
TRAC President



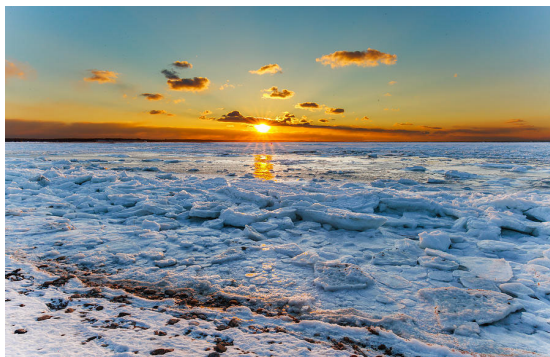
News from the Connecticut Tumor Registry:



Connecticut Tumor Registry Celebrates 90 Years!

In June 1935, legislation was passed by the Connecticut General Assembly which established the Connecticut Tumor Registry, creating the oldest population-based cancer registry in the nation. As we celebrate our 90th anniversary we are excited to be the host registry for the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) Annual Conference – the foremost cancer surveillance conference – which will take place at the Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford from June 3rd-5th. The NAACCR Annual Conference brings together cancer surveillance professionals, cancer researchers, and representatives from government agencies, hospitals and medical associations from across the US, Canada and worldwide.

Registration for NAACCR 2025 will open shortly and we hope to see you there! Further information is available at: <https://www.naaccr2025hartford.com/>



Editor's Desk:

Welcome to the Winter edition of CONNectED, the quarterly newsletter of the Tumor Registrars Association of Connecticut.

We all look forward to the NAACCR meeting and the TRAC Spring meeting in June, as well as the celebration of the Connecticut Tumor Registry's 90th anniversary. You will note that we have made some additions to the newsletter, including updates from the various standard setters, and a new feature, the Reader's Nook. The Readers Nook provides reviews and insights into books that cover cancer surveillance/cancer registry, public health, and Connecticut history. We encourage TRAC members to submit books that fit into these categories. We would also like to hear your opinions on the changes we have made, as well as features they would like to have included. Finally, any news about projects members may be involved in will be gratefully accepted. Please send any updates or comments to cathryn.phillips@outlook.com.

Bylaws Committee:

The updated Bylaws from November of 2024 were reviewed for consistency, and three sections have been identified that need clarification or revision. The three sections are:

- ◆ Sections III-V-B and IV-I-B seem to be contradictory. Consistency and clarification needed.
- ◆ Section IIB regarding speaker honoraria needs emphasis. The standard honoraria should have been voted on at the Annual Meeting but were inadvertently overlooked.
- ◆ Section III, regarding the annual audit likely needs to include a definition of “audit”. There may be legal implications when using the term.
- ◆ **Proposed Additions:**
- ◆ Article IV-C (new) *Membership dues shall be waived for members who volunteer to serve on the Executive Committee. The waiver shall be applied in the year following the member’s service.*
- ◆ Article VIII-II: [current]: There shall be a Liaison Committee whose function is to coordinate and communicate the activities of TRAC with other Tumor Registrar associations and allied organizations and to inform TRAC membership of related activities and programs offered by these groups. *The Chair of the Liaison Committee shall be appointed by the TRAC president.*

The Bylaws Committee will be working on these revisions and clarifications in order to have a draft for the Spring TRAC meeting.

NCI PDQ Updates

Prostate Cancer Screening: https://www.cancer.gov/types/prostate/hp/prostate-screening-pdq?cid=eb_govdel#_80

Genetics of Gastric Cancer: https://www.cancer.gov/types/stomach/hp/gastric-genetics-pdq?cid=eb_govdel#_3751

Anal Cancer Prevention: https://www.cancer.gov/types/anal/hp/anal-prevention-pdq?cid=eb_govdel#_44

Colorectal Cancer Prevention: https://www.cancer.gov/types/colorectal/hp/colorectal-prevention-pdq?cid=eb_govdel#_86

Colorectal Cancer Screening: https://www.cancer.gov/types/colorectal/hp/colorectal-screening-pdq?cid=eb_govdel#_57

Esophageal Cancer Prevention: https://www.cancer.gov/types/esophageal/hp/esophageal-prevention-pdq?cid=eb_govdel#_62

MBD4-Associated Neoplasia Syndrome: https://www.cancer.gov/publications/pdq/information-summaries/genetics/mbd4-hp-pdq?cid=eb_govdel#_2840

Cannabis and Cannabinoids: https://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/treatment/cam/hp/cannabis-pdq?cid=eb_govdel#_15

Childhood Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Treatment: https://www.cancer.gov/types/lymphoma/hp/child-nhl-treatment-pdq?cid=eb_govdel#_217

Neuroblastoma Treatment: https://www.cancer.gov/types/neuroblastoma/hp/neuroblastoma-treatment-pdq?cid=eb_govdel#_243

Hypopharyngeal Cancer Treatment: <https://www.cancer.gov/types/head-and-neck/hp/adult/hypopharyngeal->

NAACCR Releases v25 Updates:

- ◆ Webinar Recording Now Available:
Access the recording, presentation slides, and the CE Survey/Quiz at:
education.naaccr.org/updates-implementation
- ◆ Earn Continuing Education (CE) Credits: Participants who view the webinar are eligible for 1.5 CEs.
- ◆ Topics Covered:
 - * V25 Implementation Guidelines
 - * Changes to ICD-O
 - * Updates to Solid Tumor Rules
 - * Cancer PathCHART
 - * Site-Specific Data Items (SSDIs)
 - * Pediatric Staging Initiative Update
- ◆ Supplemental Content: A post-session recording providing a basic review of how to use the Solid Tumor Rules has been posted. This segment was not included during the live session due to time constraints. The review is intended for managers, data users, new registrars, or other individuals that do not frequently use the solid tumor rules, but are interested in how they are applied.
- ◆ Implementation guidelines and references are available at: <https://www.naaccr.org/implementation-guidelines/>



Readers' Nook:

The Amistad Rebellion, written by Marcus Rediker, takes a fresh approach to the Amistad Rebellion by focusing on the Africans who revolted, rather than the American political and judicial response. Although it's likely that most Connecticut residents are aware that the schooner Amistad is Connecticut's flagship, with its home in New Haven, many of us only know the story of the Amistad rebellion in a brief sense. Reiker's book provides an in-depth view of the work the people kidnapped from Sierra Leone undertook in order to maintain their freedom. Marcus Rediker reclaims the Amistad rebellion for its true proponents: the enslaved Africans who risked death to stake a claim for freedom. Using newly discovered evidence and featuring vividly drawn portraits of the rebels, their captors, brings the Amistad Africans back to center stage. Rediker reframes the story to show how a small group of courageous men fought and won their battle against Spanish and American slaveholders and their governments. The successful Amistad rebellion changed the very nature of the struggle against slavery. As a handful of self-emancipated Africans steered their own course for freedom, they opened a way for millions to follow.