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# MODMM FALL/WINTER 2022

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## President's Message

by Melissa Shankey, RHIT, CTR

As I sit here writing this message to all of you it makes me reflect on my years I have somehow accumulated in cancer registry...20, yes 20+ years! How did I get here?! When I started out in the registry my son was in kindergarten and now is planning his wedding! Tell me how this is possible?!

For those that do not know me I started out as a Medical Coder and then the registry at the St Cloud Hospital had a part time opening and the last 20+ years is history! I now work at Allina Health full time, University of Cincinnati-Clermont College as an annual adjunct instructor and with CodeBusters part time as an auditor. Outside of the registry I am a Red Aspen Brand Ambassador and own a luxury inspired boutique called Luxy B's with a few friends. Over the summer while on vacation in Long Island, NY, Derek and I got engaged- total surprise, I had NO idea what he was planning. Aside from those things traveling, family, friends and sports take up the rest of my time {what time, right}?

This is not my first run at being MCRA president and well it just doesn't take a whole lot of time and with such amazing support from the rest of the board it makes it an easy choice to volunteer again. I would encourage each member to do the same. Most positions do not require much of you or much time. And the best part is someone has held that role prior to you so you are never alone. I have been membership chair 2007-2009, 2013 and President in 2015 and now President again! Good times!

As we move quickly towards 2023 we face a lot of new changes yet again! Are you ready? I'm not sure I can ever say I am ready but I am here for it. Let us all continue to support each other, embrace the changes and face the challenges together. It will be our year to host the MN/WI Regional meeting so we are always looking for volunteers, any amount you can help is greatly appreciated.

Volunteering is never too big or too small. Many hands make for light work. We do value everyone's input as well. Join a committee and then become an officer. We can all do our small piece.

Welcome to all new members and those who are new CTR's and preparing for upcoming exams. Please feel free to reach out to me anytime!

Yours truly-

Melissa Shankey, RHIT, CTR

MCRA President

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# MCRA/WCRA Conference Recap

By Melissa Shankey, RHIT, CTR

## WCRA/MCRA Regional Meeting Wrap up

- The conference was again very well attended with nationwide attendance.
- CE certificates and evaluations were sent out October 21, 2022.
- We will be partnering again with WI to host the regional meeting in MN for 2023.

Hello, as many of you attended the 2022 regional meeting, I hope you found it extremely helpful and insightful. I was down and out those 2 days and barely made it through day 1 and couldn't attend day 2. So, with that the recap will be very brief. Many thanks to WCRA for planning in 2022 for the virtual conference. MCRA will get the ball rolling as far as the 2023 meeting goes with hopes of returning to an in-person meeting.

Many of the presentations were on changes, as always. High overview of items.

- New A, B codes in the breast coding are abundant but capture much needed data specs.
- Explore each code is very important to capture correct data.
- NAACCR Appendix A has new data items.
- Macroscopic evaluation of mesorectum is captured and should be on path reports as well.
- New terms ICD-O.
- The NAACCR ICD-O-3 implementation work group highly recommends all users read the guidelines which contain important coding information related to the 2022 update.
- CoC, be abreast of the phase in items.
- CAP updates, changes in many site, Melanoma, Colon/Rectum, Breast, Lung.
- CTR must read is the RCRS system guide, updated June 2022.
- Lung Solid Tumor rules, changes made in some term coding.
- Check and/or statements in the combo codes for lung.

I know this is brief and I hope that everyone had many take aways from each presentation for 2022. 2023 will be here quickly and we will kick off organizing for our fall meeting. Please reach out if you'd be interested in joining in the fun of planning!



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# MCRS Update/Info

By Jennifer L. Nelson, CTR, NR-EMT



## DATE OF DEATH:

- During processing of 2020 death certificates MCRS has noticed date of last contact (DOLC) inconsistencies. Some examples include:
  - DOLC contact being listed as the date the case was exported/submission of file to MCRS
  - Vital status reported as 1/alive, however, the patient is truly deceased and DOLC being submitted as a date later than the patient's actual date of death
  - Vital status is correct as 0/dead, however, DOLC is coded as after the patient's actual date of death

## TEXT:

- Reminder if you resubmit an abstract with changes to treatment field codes, date of diagnosis, tumor size, SSDI, etc. please also update your text to reflect these changes.

## PROSTATE:

- Reminder all cores examined should be included in this data field, not just the cores that were examined which contained the cancer
  - Example: Left prostate apex 1 of 2 cores positive for adenocarcinoma. Left mid 2 cores, left base 2 cores, right apex 2 cores, right mid 2 cores, right base 2 cores benign/no malignancy
    - Cores positive would be 01, cores examined would be 12. We have seen this come in as cores positive 01 and cores examined 02.

## BLADDER SURGERY CODES:

- Code 27 if just a TURBT, no fulguration
- Code 22 TURBT with fulguration (electrocautery)
  - Reminder: Fulguration must be used to destroy tumor tissue, not just to clean up the surgical area, in order to use code 22

## Professional Development News

Jennifer Monsebroten, CTR; Heidi Leach, RHIT, CTR; Melanie Johnson, RHIA, CTR; Sandi Kolby, RHIT, CTR; Pamela Jenson, CTR; Amanda Hlad, RHIA, CTR; Kathy Lougiu, CTR; Abby Rothstein, RHIT, CTR; Abigail Kohler, RHIT, CTR

This coming year will be a busy one for us. The 2023 MCRA/WCRA Regional Conference will be the first in person meeting held since 2019 so we are excited to plan! Thank you to everyone who has agreed to volunteer for the professional development team to help us execute this amazing event. We will start planning in January so stay tuned for further updates and details.

Here are some future topic ideas sent from our WI friends (Sara & Nancy). If there are any future topic ideas that you don't see listed below, please email them to [melanie.johnson@allina.com](mailto:melanie.johnson@allina.com).

Future MCRA/WCRA Topics		
CA Forum Frequently Asked Questions Explained	New Surgery Codes & Updates for 2023	Central Cancer Registry Topic
What Happens to our Data at the State Level	COVID's Effect on Cancer Any data?	Rare Cancer Cases
Cervix Cases	Molecular Studies	Melanoma Surgery Codes/Discussion
SLN & RLN Coding	Hemat/Lymphatic Abstracting Examples	New COC/AJCC Rule Changes
Major Primary Sites Examples/Updates/STR	Radiation Examples & Review STORE Pages 256-289	Grade Coding & Schema ID
Head & Neck Abstracting	Efficient Abstracting Tips & How to Improve Productivity	Common Abstracting Mistakes



**Did you know?** The NCRA has a great resource to share with others who may be interested in becoming a CTR.

<https://www.ncra-usa.org/About/Become-a-Cancer-Registrar>

Share the love!

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## Outstanding Member Award

Melissa Shankey, RHIT, CTR; Mona Highsmith; Jane Siekkinen, BS, CTR

Nominations are now open for the MCRA Outstanding Member Award, which will be presented by the President at the fall business meeting. Nominations must be received no later than August 15.

The recipient of the "OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD" will receive a certificate and will be our guest at an MCRA workshop (workshop fee waived). In addition, the honoree's name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque that will be displayed at each workshop, and the award will be publicized in the MODMM.

### PURPOSE:

- To honor a member of MCRA for outstanding contributions to the cancer registry profession.
- To encourage in members the desire to contribute to the development and growth of the profession.
- To further public awareness of the scope and importance of the profession.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Candidates must be a current active member of MCRA.
- Candidates must have contributed to MCRA and to the cancer registry profession in one or more of the following ways: service to the association, outstanding achievement in professional practice, leadership, education, research and/or published materials.

The nomination form and supporting documentation are the only information about the nominees available to the Awards Committee. Therefore, it is necessary to complete the nomination form in detail. The individual nominating a candidate may choose to provide all the information requested on the nomination form without informing the nominee that he/she is proposing his/her name. This is satisfactory provided that all the information necessary to adequately describe the candidate's achievements is submitted for evaluation to the Awards Committee.

To nominate a MCRA member for this award please submit:

1. The application
2. A narrative summary (no more than 200 words)
3. Letters of support, if desired. (No more than 3)

The application form is attached to the newsletter email, please consider nominating someone!

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## Nominating Committee Message

Erin Hammell, RHIT, CTR; Nancy Hedstrom, RHIT, CTR; Jackie Halsey CNMT, CTR;  
Candace Scherping, RHIT, CTR

The nominating committee will be looking for volunteers and/or nominations for executive board positions next spring for the 2023/2024 Executive Board. *Please strongly consider volunteering so that we may keep our organization running smoothly.*

**Eligibility:** Any member in good standing for one full year prior to nomination shall be eligible to hold office. To be eligible for the office of President-Elect, a member must have served one full term on the Executive Committee prior to nomination.

**These are the positions open for 2023/2024:**

**President-Elect:** Shall assume the duties of the President in his/her absence and shall succeed to the office of President at the conclusion of his/her term of office. The President-Elect shall co-chair the Professional Development committee. Ensure website information is correct.

**Secretary:** Shall be responsible for records of all MCRA proceedings and shall distribute minutes of all business meetings to the membership.

**Treasurer:** Shall be responsible for the receipt and disbursement of all funds of MCRA and shall make written reports to the Executive Committee and to the membership. The treasurer shall serve on the Membership Committee.

**These are the committees needing volunteers for 2023/2024:**

**Professional Development Committee:** Shall be Responsible for leadership in the Professional Development of MCRA membership. It shall include the President-Elect, with responsibility for educational programs. It will include persons responsible for support of members seeking CTR status, and any other members as deemed by the President or the Executive Committee.

**Communications Committee:** The Communications Committee will include persons responsible for the MCRA newsletter, the MODMM (The Minnesota Oncology Data Managers Monitor) and for taking photographs. Liaisons to the Minnesota Cancer Council, National Cancer Registrars association, Minnesota Health Information Management Association, Commission on Cancer, Minnesota Cancer Reporting System, Others as felt necessary, in order to carry on the responsibilities of the communications committee.

**Website Coordinator:** Shall be responsible for working with the Webmaster to ensure smooth operation of the MCRA website.

**Nominating Committee:** There shall be at least four members on the Nominating Committee, the chairperson (appointed by the newly elected President), the immediate Past-President, and two other members elected by the MCRA at the Fall Annual Meeting. They are responsible for preparing, mailing, and tallying the ballots in accord with Article V. No member of this committee shall be eligible for office.

**Membership Committee:** Shall be responsible for acceptance of new members and for distribution of updated rosters to the members. The MCRA Treasurer shall be a member of this committee and provide updated information on payment of dues.

If you are interested in volunteering and/or nominating anyone for any of these positions, please contact one of the nominating committee members.

Thank you for your consideration in fulfilling these positions,

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## Bylaws Update

By Linda Vanstrom, CTR

The amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by any MCRA Committee. Individual voting members may propose amendments, provided such proposals are accompanied by the written endorsement of at least two (2) additional voting members of MCRA. All proposals for amendments shall be submitted to the Bylaws Committee Chairperson who shall present them to the Bylaws Committee and then to the Executive Committee. Proposed amendments which receive approval of the Executive Committee shall be submitted to the MCRA membership.

After logging into the MCRA website, the current Bylaws can be found in the Documents section.

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## Did you know?

The Danielle Chufar Memorial Annual Scholarship provides financial support to NCRA member(s) with no available funding to attend NCRA's Annual Educational Conference. The recipient will receive the conference registration fee to attend in-person; round-trip, coach airfare (up to the amount of \$600); and hotel for three nights at the conference hotel.

Download the [2023 Chufar Scholarship Application](#) to learn more and apply. Deadline is January 26, 2023.

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# Membership News

By Chunny Daiker, BS, RHIT, CTR

Starting 1/1/2022, Membership Directory is solely online. I have eliminated the pdf format. Directory can be found here at this link: <https://sites.google.com/view/2022-mcra-membership/thank-you>

## Association Stats for 2022

116 members (this includes 8 new members and 3 honorary members)

## New members for 2022:

- 1) Gail Kvernmoe - MN Dept of Health
- 2) Stephanie McDonald
- 3) Choua Thoa (joined 3/18/2022) - Regions Hospital
- 4) Samantha Kendrick (joined 3/23/2022) St. Lukes Hospital
- 5) Becky Van Dyke - Sanford Health
- 6) Sally Stevens (joined 7/7/2022) - Student
- 7) Timothy Kutz (joined 8/15/2022) - MN Dept of Health
- 8) Kristi Rosenthal (joined 9/13/2022) - Regions Hospital

## 2023 MCRA renewals are open!

Thank you to Amanda Hlad and Tom Coles for having the Membership application online and ready to go! Please make sure not only to renew the application but also pay the fee online. Renew deadline is 2/1/2023. (Late fee is effective 2/2/2023).

MCRA membership renewal site is:

<https://fs28.formsite.com/minnesotaMCRA/2023membership/index.html>

Thank you for your continued support to both MCRA and NCRA.





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# Treasurer Report

By Amanda Hlad, RHIA, CTR

The 2022 annual cash flow is ending with a surplus of \$1,574. There are no outstanding expenses for the remainder of the year. I wanted to explain the NCRA meeting line item as there is a -\$292.29 amount (income in the expense). MCRA offered group registration to its members for the NCRA conference. MCRA received the fees from members and then paid NCRA. Part of this offering from NCRA was that state associations would later receive money from NCRA for offering this based on the number of people in the group registration. This is the -\$292.29 amount. Please send any questions on the treasurer's report to [minnesotamcra@gmail.com](mailto:minnesotamcra@gmail.com).

## Cash Flow - Year To Date 1/1/2022 through 11/28/2022

Category	1/1/2022- 11/28/2022
<b>INFLOWS</b>	
2022 Membership	4,961.42
NCRA Basket Income	436.86
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>5,398.28</b>
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>	
CTR Exam Stipend	100.00
NCRA Meeting	-292.29
MCRA - President Elect Support	1,912.86
NCRA Basket Expenses	231.90
<b>TOTAL NCRA Meeting</b>	<b>1,852.47</b>
Professional Development - Webinars	1,440.00
Website	
Domain Account	131.40
Online registration	299.95
<b>TOTAL Website</b>	<b>431.35</b>
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>3,823.82</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>1,574.46</b>

## Account Balances - As of 11/28/2022

Account	11/28/2022 Balance
<b>Bank Accounts</b>	
Checking-US Bank	31,268.07
<b>TOTAL Bank Accounts</b>	<b>31,268.07</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>31,268.07</b>

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## Communications

By Breana Norton, BA, CTR

This year we created a new email dedicated to MCRA communications – [mcracommunications@gmail.com](mailto:mcracommunications@gmail.com). All communications to and from MCRA and its executive board should be via this email. As the Communication Chair, I manage this email by forwarding communications from the executive board to the membership. If there is a need to reply to an email you may either reply to the MCRA communications email and I will forward it to the appropriate person, or you may reply to the person who signed off on the email.

As always, if you have any suggestions about the MODMM or any questions or concerns about email communications, please feel free to reach out to me. Thanks!

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## MCRA Website | [mcra.net](http://mcra.net)

By Thomas Coles, CTR, CHES - The Website Guy

The MCRA Website is continually being updated with the most currently released NAACCR Webinars, recent job postings, MCRA newsletters, among other important website-worthy tidbits. As always, feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Thanks!

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## Coding Corner

Input by Jane Siekkinen, BS, CTR

There is a new SEER ICD-10-CM list out there. It may capture some things that could be missing. It was discovered via death certificate lists, by looking into why a case was not caught and finding the code in the newly revised list. Thought this could be helpful to the MCRA membership.

Here is the link to the new lists: <https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/casefinding/>