



ACTUR 2008 Conference Minneapolis MN

**Making Ripples Toward
a Cure**



Minneapolis was first settled on the banks of the Mississippi River at St. Anthony Falls. The Falls drew settlers from Fort Snelling, who came upriver to harness the water-power for lumber mills. The settlement that grew on the west bank was St. Anthony and later joined with the east bank to become Minneapolis.

There has always been a bridge connecting the east and west bank via Nicollet Island, near St. Anthony Falls. The Hennepin Avenue suspension bridge stands there today. The first few streets adjacent to the river on the east bank were called the Gateway District. Between 1880 and urban renewal in the 1950s, they were filled with bars, flop houses, and brothels.

Human Resource Management. Ms Kenyon has developed and presented training modules on the subjects of burnout, stress management, and assertiveness. Prior to her life has a cancer registrar, Ms Kenyon's career centered around working with healthcare services under various Departments of Human Services, where she interacted with both the community, home healthcare services, family support groups, etc. She presented "Stress Without Distress" at the 35th Annual Education Conference of the Texas State Tumor Registrars' Association in 2007, and recently had an article published by "Advance for Health Information Professionals" entitled *What Do You Do at the Hospital? Looking at Stress Management in the Cancer Registry Profession.*



19th Annual DoD Cancer Registrars' Conference "Making Ripples Toward a Cure"

1 - 2 May 2008

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the conference are to provide continuing education and ongoing training to cancer registrars within the Department of Defense (DoD) military treatment facilities in order to enhance their knowledge and encourage expertise in all areas of cancer registration and cancer data collection standards.

Upon completion of the conference, participants will have a better understanding of the Department of Defense and its comprehensive cancer control plan to decrease the incidence, morbidity, and mortality of cancer among DoD beneficiaries by proposing policies in epidemiology, prevention, early detection, treatment, and research; and to enhance the quality of life of the cancer patient. The conference this year will focus on research and the part you, as cancer registrars, play in this. You will also learn of the new direction in the Commission on Cancer regarding the staging of cancer and the history behind this change. The multiple primary rules and collaborative staging requirements will be reinforced; as well as an overview of the current Commission on Cancer cancer program standards and "best practices" to improve your cancer program performance. This year beginners will have an opportunity to attend the NCRA Workshop, "Fundamentals of Abstracting for New Cancer Registrars." This is a three-day workshop emphasizing the proper use of coding and reference manuals and techniques to promote quality cancer data. Upon return to your facilities, you will be better prepared to conduct all phases of registry operations, to include having been introduced to the new and improved web-based ACTUR software program.

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, 1 MAY 2008 (General Session)

6:30 - 7:30 am	Registration/Continental Breakfast
7:30 - 7:45	Opening Remarks <i>Christopher Owner, PhD</i>
7:45 - 8:00	Recognition of New Certified Tumor Registrars <i>Service Consultants</i>
8:00 - 9:00	Keynote Speaker - Cancer Surveillance Priorities and Trends: A Field Perspective <i>Christopher P Rennix, ScD</i>
9:00 - 9:20	ACTUR Publication 1- Effect of Number of Lymph Nodes Examined on Colon Cancer Staging <i>Sukhyung Lee, CPT, MC, USA</i>
9:20 - 9:35	Break
9:35 - 9:55	ACTUR Publication 2 - Primary Breast Cancer Location Impacts Survival <i>Vance Sohn, CPT, MC, USA</i>
9:55-10:15	ACTUR Publication 3 - Exposure to Organic Chemicals and the Risk of Breast Cancer Among Active Duty Women <i>Christopher P Rennix, ScD</i>
10:15 -11:15	AJCC 7 th Edition <i>Frederick L Greene, MD, FACS</i>
11:15 - 11:45	Panel Discussion – Using Cancer Data – Personal Experiences <i>Drs Greene, Rennix, Lee, and Sohn</i>
11:45-1:00pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:00 - 2:00	Central Registry Edits/Errors <i>Sonja Jennings, BS, CTR</i>
2:00 -2:15	Break

belongs to numerous surgical organizations and is a founding member and president of the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES) for 1992 and 1993. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by SAGES in 2004.

SUKHYUNG LEE, CPT, MC, USA

Dr Lee is currently a general surgery resident at William Beaumont Army Medical Center, El Paso, Texas. Dr Lee received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of Guam, Master of Science in Pharmacy from Oregon State University, and his medical degree at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. Although only in the fourth year of his surgical residency, Dr Lee has been active in research, particularly in the field of cancer, and has had many presentations and posters presented at various symposiums and national conferences. Much of Dr Lee's research has been with the ACTUR database. He is a member of the American College of Surgeons, American Medical Association, and the Society of American Gastrointestinal Endoscopic Surgeons (SAGES).

VANCE YOUNG SOHN, CPT, MC, USA

Dr Sohn is currently a general surgery resident at Madigan Army Medical Center. He received his Bachelor of Science in Chemistry/Life Sciences at the United States Military Academy and his medical degree at Georgetown University School of Medicine. He is currently in the third year of his general surgery residency but has already presented and/or co-authored many publications, poster presentations, etc. This is Dr Sohn's first experience using ACTUR on a DoD-wide basis, but has had many abstracts published and posters presented at various symposiums and national conferences using Madigan AMC data.

LINDA KENYON, MS, CTR

Ms Linda Kenyon is currently the Director, Cancer Data Services, Saint Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan, Texas, where she manages the cancer registry. Ms Kenyon is a certified tumor registrar who received her Master's Degree in Community and Regional Planning at the University of Austin with emphasis on Social Policy Implementation and

GUEST SPEAKER BIOS

CHRISTOPHER P RENNIX, SCD

Dr Rennix was an industrial hygienist in the US Navy for more than 20 years and retired at the rank of Captain. In his current position, he is the Head of the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center EpiData Center, Portsmouth, Virginia, and is responsible for disease surveillance and occupational, environmental, and clinical epidemiology for all Navy and Marine Corps beneficiaries at various locations throughout the world. His formal epidemiology training was obtained from the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, where he also received his Doctor of Science. His research interests are in assessing occupational exposure to various chemicals and the risk of breast cancer in women, disease clusters, and injury epidemiology. He also teaches epidemiology at Eastern Virginia Medical School and public health at George Washington University with the United States Army's 75th CSH at Fort Gordon, Georgia.

FREDERICK L GREENE, MD, FACS

Dr Greene received his medical school training at the University of Virginia and completed his residency in surgery at Yale University School of Medicine. He is currently the Chairman of the Department of General Surgery at Carolina Medical Center (CMC), Director of the Surgical Residency Program at CMC, and Clinical Professor of Surgery at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine. Dr Greene is active in the area of surgical oncology and has been for a number of years. Dr Greene has served on the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons for the last 12 years and is currently serving as the Chairman of the Commission. He has represented the American College of Surgeons on the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) and served as Chair of the AJCC from 2000 to 2004. Dr Greene is also the editor of the 7th Edition AJCC Cancer Staging Manual. His publications have included numerous papers, book chapters and textbooks relating to cancer surgery, and specifically the use of laparoscopic surgery in the management of cancer patients. Dr Greene is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and has served as governor. He

Break-Out Sessions

- 2:15 - 4:30 A. CoC Approved Cancer Programs
Judy Tryon, CTR
Patricia Babin, RHIT, CTR
- 2:15 - 3:15 B. Collaborative Staging
Tina Toste-Smock, CTR
Eileen Gremminger, CTR
- 3:15 - 4:30 B. Multiple Primary and Histology (MP/H) Coding Rules - Melanoma
Tina Toste-Smock, CTR
Eileen Gremminger, CTR



FRIDAY, 2 MAY 2008 (GENERAL SESSION)

- 7:30 -9:30am ACTUR Updates
RJ Blanchfield, BS
Carla Rojas, MS
- 9:30 - 9:45 Break
- 9:45-10:15 Status of Central Registry
Sonja Jennings, BS, CTR
- 10:15-11:15 Stress Management
Linda Kenyon, MS, CTR
- 11:15-12:30pm Lunch (on your own)
- Break-Out Sessions**
- 12:30 - 2:30 A. ACTUR Web-Based Reports and Letters
Umesh Sharma, BS
- B. Where Our Data Goes/Text
Carla Rojas, MS
Judy Tryon, CTR
Patricia Babin, RHIT, CTR
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- 4:45 -5:15 Certificate/Closing Remarks
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SESSIONS AT A GLANCE

THURSDAY, 1 MAY 2008

Keynote Speaker: The speaker will address and emphasize the importance and the significance of cancer registry data to the cancer control efforts of the nation, and more specifically to the Department of Defense. As an epidemiologist and Division Officer of the EpiData Center, Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center, Dr Rennix has first-hand experience conducting cancer research and can attest to the value of quality cancer data.

ACTUR Publications and Panel Discussion: Registrars will be introduced to research publications using ACTUR data. You will hear “the good, the bad, and the ugly” regarding your data and will have the opportunity to listen to actual researchers discuss the quality and the results of doing research with ACTUR data, as well as reinforcement of the need for quality abstracting and casefinding, and the value of cancer registries.

CoC/AJCC Update: Cancer Registrars will learn of development of a staging standard that will focus on changes made by the Commission on Cancer cancer programs and coding guidelines related specifically to cancer staging, focusing on the quality of physician staging. The goal is to better achieve accurate staging data.

Central Registry: Reinforcement of NAACCR edits and how to correct your errors in ACTUR for resubmission will be presented by the DoD Central Registry. Status of the Central DoD Registry will also be reported. The intent is to familiarize you with edits and the need for quality cancer data reporting.

CoC Approved Programs: 2008 revisions and requirements to the Cancer Program Standards will be reviewed in this session. The CoC’s electronic Quality Improvement Packets (e-quip) will be reviewed along with the CP3R reports. Cancer Registrars will be introduced to strategies for successful SAR completion.

Collaborative Staging and MP/H Rules: Collaborative staging and MP/H rules will be reinforced along with the newest changes for 2008.

FRIDAY, 2 MAY 2008

ACTUR Updates: Cancer Registrars will preview the newest and best ACTUR system and updates. The web-based application will also be introduced at the conference with instructions on the reports and letters modules through the web.

ACTUR Data: You will be exposed to many different arenas where cancer data travels, with a preview of what is received on the other end. Text fields will be emphasized with quality being the goal.

Stress and the Cancer Registrar: With the ever-changing standards and pressures put on cancer registrars at work (not to mention life outside of work...there's life outside of work?!?), it is amazing that we are not all bald and dying from stress-related heart attacks at a young age. This session will help you learn to manage stress and be happier at work (and yes, at home too).



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