

Friday, April 3, 2020



Dear TRAC Members,

I want you to know the Executive Board has not forgotten about you!

These are troubling times and I hope you have all been able to safely transition to a remote environment away from the front lines of healthcare during the pandemic.

Please keep in mind:

1) Our neighboring states are overwhelmed and securing first course treatment information for shared patients may be a challenge. Consider adding an additional step to your patients planned follow up to remind you to reach out for information at a later time. Make notes about this in your follow up and or confidential remarks sections of the notepad.

2) We are here to support one another. Nicole and Michele have worked to build a directory to facilitate reliable avenues of communication. If you do not have a phone number contact, I urge you to please email a registrar resource and ask for a number before disclosing patient information in an email. Please do NOT share the directory with people who are not TRAC members. There is no need to forward it, as all members will receive the directory in their email. This practice will ensure our members' information is not made public.

3) We have been working on options for Spring Education for the membership. With the current mandates for social distancing from our local and national government, it is realistic to say TRAC will not be hosting an in person meeting this spring.

We are exploring options for a virtual meeting and opportunities for learning. Our Education Board Chair and VP Sara Mercado has inquired about NAACCR webinar series with Jim Hofferkamp. Each webinar is worth 3 CEUs. How many of you already have this option available to you? If you have already invested, and this option would not be of value to you, please let us know. Email Sara at Sara.Mercado@wtbyhosp.org We are still working out the details of how we would share/ distribute access with you, our membership and the cost associated. If we can find a way to virtually meet, details will be emailed out. If you have a physician who would be willing to provide a brief virtual education to us, also please share that with Sara.

Finally, let us not forget to celebrate our profession! National Cancer Registrar's Week is here! You can access some graphics and more from the NCRA website.

Cancer Registrars: 2020 Vision for the Future

National Cancer Registrars Week April 6-10, 2020



Some suggested ways to celebrate:

- Plan a virtual meeting with your staff to celebrate NCRW. Make sure to post a screen shot on the NCRA Member Facebook Group page.
- Download the Facebook Picture Frame and the e-mail signature graphic to show your spirit throughout the week. Links to these graphics are below.
- Make sure to use the hashtag #NCRW2020 when you post.

You can find more suggestions here <http://www.ncra-usa.org/About/National-Cancer-Registrars-Week>

Stay connected despite the physical distance. Remember to take some time out for yourself each day. I hope to see you all soon. Until then, take care.

Sincerely,

Brooke Chang, BA, CTR
2020 TRAC President