



SUMMER NEWS LETTER

<p>PR and Communications</p> <p>Let's get together for a social outing this fall!</p> <p>Our Facebook page has 34 likes. The page is public.</p> <p>Our website www.trac-ct.org</p> <p>email us: TRAC@trac-ct.org</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>ANNUAL MEETING</p> <div data-bbox="548 596 1123 989" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; text-align: center;"> <p>SAVE THE DATE</p> <p>TRAC, Inc.</p> <p>Annual Educational Meeting FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2018</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>Hartford HealthCare Cancer Institute at Backus Hospital</p> </div> <div style="font-size: small;"> <p>Hartford HealthCare East System Support Office 11 Stott Ave, Norwich, CT 06360</p> </div> </div> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Featuring: Louanne Currence, RHIT, CTR Registration and Agenda to follow.</p> </div>	<p>Membership</p> <p>As of July 17th TRAC Inc. has a membership of 46. There are 45 Active members and 1 member is Inactive</p> <p>At our last meeting, a total of 43 persons attended: 26 members and 17 nonmembers including Jennifer Ruhl.</p>
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STATE OF CONNECTICUT



I can't stress enough how important it is to participate your local and state elections! Primaries are scheduled for August 14th and general elections for all of these seats will be held on November 6th.

State Governor, Liutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer, State Comptroller and Secretary of State as well as all members of the State Senate and House will be decided this year. Please vote, make your voice heard and encourage others to do the same.

President's Message

BROOKE CHANG, BA, CTR

I hope you all are well and taking time to enjoy summer, even if it's just to step away from the office for a few days and recharge. The changes to abstract coding requirements are effective for cancer cases diagnosed in 2018. For example, data items like grade, staging and site specific data items for those cases are affected. I'm wondering how you all fair without software to support those changes. (cont p2)

President's Message (cont.)

Please email me TRACpresident@trac-ct.org with where you and your hospital struggle to meet these demands. It's crazy to me we are being asked to implement changes without final versions of manuals and prior to vender software install of the changes. How is it acceptable to have effective dates precede implementation dates?

This is a time of opportunity. We can showcase our strength (or improve) documenting in our text fields. Also, revisiting cases allows time for the most complete and highest quality information.

What to use and when? The 2007 MP/H rules will be used for cases diagnosed through 12/31/18. After that, we will use 2018 Solid Tumor Rules. Changes to Cutaneous melanoma and Other Sites rules are planned to be implemented in 2019. There are two options for using the 2018 Solid tumor Rules: use the draft rules for 2018 and flag the cases when final rules are posted OR don't use the draft rules for 2018 cases. When the final rules are posted, you will have to review the cases and make changes as specified in the final rules.

NAACCR Grade Coding manual is effective for cases diagnosed 01/01/2018 in keeping with requirements of AJCC staging and use of the 8th Edition.

The CSv2 coding instructions will be retired for cases diagnosed as of Jan 1, 2018 in our state and across the country. It will be replaced with Site Specific Data Items and the manual is published by NAACCR. If you missed our May educational meeting, there is material available on how to code these data fields.

The STORE manual was planned to replace the FORDS manual for 2018 cases. As of July 12, 2018 there was no update on the release of the STORE manual from the COC.

I'd like to thank Cathy Phillips for our conversation about this and how it affects registrars and hospitals in Connecticut. 'The state would prefer that hospitals hold on transmission of 2018 cases until they have received their software updates and have completely coded the cases; CTR has not started working on 2018 diagnoses at this time. Most hospitals are leaving their 2018 diagnosis cases in incomplete status and relying on text field documentation to support the expected coding once the software upgrades are available. In addition, State of CT required fields for 2018 have not been updated as yet to the State's website, however the list will be updated as soon as the registry receives a finalized list of required data items for 2018 from SEER.'

Helpful links:

www.naacr.org and <http://datadictionary.naacr.org/?c=8>

<https://seer.cancer.gov/registrars/>

www.cancerstaging.org

Past President's Report

DONNA LANPHEAR, CTR- NCRA Liaison

NCRA NEEDS MENTORS!

We would like to have the NCRA state associations align with the Mentoring Committee in this important endeavor - either through mentoring in your own state, or collaborating with the NCRA Mentoring Program.

Please consider appointing a representative from your state association to serve as a liaison to the NCRA Mentoring Committee. The role of the state representative will be to share with the NCRA Mentoring Committee mentoring activities that are taking place at the state level, and in turn, take information about mentoring events, products, etc. from the NCRA Mentoring Committee back to the state associations. We are hoping that together we can better serve potential registrars and active registrars who want to connect with a mentor. The NCRA Mentoring Committee meets on a conference call once per month.

Please contact the NCRA Mentoring Committee Administrator, Mary Maul at mmaul@ncra-usa.org with questions and to receive information about joining the Committee's monthly conference calls

We look forward to hearing about your mentoring activities!

Heather Price, Chair

& the NCRA Mentoring Committee

November 16, 2018

PLAN AHEAD!



2018
TRAC Inc
Ornament
Exchange

Details:
To be held by Donna Goss at this year's annual educational meeting.

From the Treasurer’s Desk

MICHELE WOJEWODZKI, CTR

The Certificate of Deposit has been renewed.

The funds in our CD have been re-invested with additional monies at a new slightly higher investment rate for 48 months. These changes will be reflected in the next report. I am continuing to work with Brooke to add an additional officer’s name to all accounts as was recommended in May at the last meeting.

Vice President’s Message

SHERI AMECHI, CTR

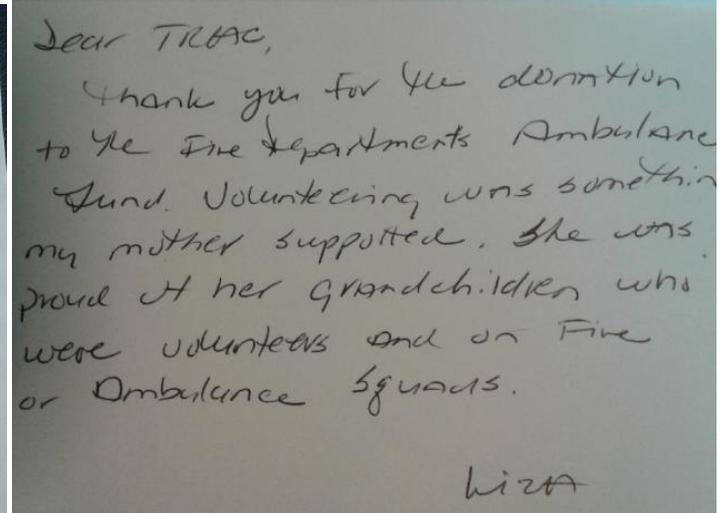
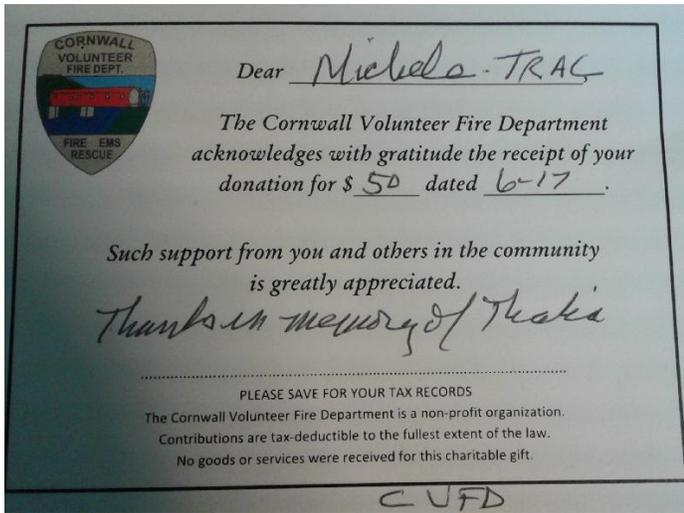
Our TRAC meeting in May resulted in 6 CEU’s and 4 of them were approved as Category A CEU’s. Certificates of attendance were emailed.



We are working on an agenda for the next meeting which is scheduled for NOV 16, 2018 in Norwich, CT. Donna Goss, CTR will be hosting the meeting and Louanne Currence will be presenting.

We are looking for recommendations on topics.

THANK YOU



OTHER NEWS & EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

DID YOU KNOW WORLD LUNG CANCER DAY IS AUGUST 1ST ?

September 11, 2018 AJCC 8th Edition Webinar- Breast Staging, a registration link will be posted 1 week prior see the link: <https://cancerstaging.org/CSE/Registrar/Pages/Eight-Edition-Webinars.aspx>

October 10-12, 2018 NYORA Annual Conference in Rochester, NY
Here is the link to their website: <http://nyora.homestead.com/AnnualConference.html>



CRANE's 43rd ANNUAL MEETING **OCT 20-23, 2018** in Burlington, MA THEME: "Navigating the Future"

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

You can now book a room with the CRANE group rate. Go to the CRANE website for more information and helpful links. : <https://www.craneweb.org/annual-meeting/>

Louanne Currence is a scheduled presenter this year. If you can't make it to this year's meeting, know Louanne will be joining us at the TRAC Annual Educational meeting in Norwich, CT this November!

November 1, 2018 Massachusetts Cancer Registry's 7th Annual Educational Workshop hosted by Dana-Farber/Brigham and Women's Cancer Center

NOVEMBER 16, 2018 TRAC Annual Educational Meeting and Donna's Ornament Exchange in Norwich, CT

Enjoy the rest of your summer! We will see you in the fall.

The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from the balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color."

—Natalie Babbitt, Tuck Everlasting

Our Mission

To support professional standards and ethics for cancer registry professionals.

Raise the level of knowledge and performance of the cancer registrar through continuous education.

Apprise members of the Association of current activities, research and trends in oncology.

Contribute to the betterment of patient care through research and education in cancer registry administration.

Seek active liaison with professional and government organizations which utilize data received from tumor registrars.