CCR Electronic Pathology Reporting
Questions & Answers

Timeline

- Now Open: Electronic Pathology Registration Portal (https://pathreporting.ccr.ca.gov/registration/).
- January 31, 2018: Self-Testing Portal.
- January 1, 2019: Pathology Direct Data Entry Web Portal.
- January 1, 2019: Data submission to the CCR must be established by pathologists and pathology labs.

For more information contact us or go to our website to submit your question:

www.ccrcal.org/AB2325.shtml

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1. Will use of the College of American (CAP) Electronic Cancer Checklists (eCC) be a requirement for pathologists to meet the California reporting mandate?
   No, CAP eCC is not a requirement of the state to meet the California pathology reporting requirement. However, use of software which supports discrete data capture, such as CAP eCC, is highly encouraged in order for CCR to efficiently process cancer incidence data and achieve future uses of data envisioned by CCR. For more information please download a copy of the CCR Electronic Pathology Reporting Standards Implementation Guide (http://www.ccrcal.org/pdf/AB2325/EPathReportingStds_IG_Final_V1.0_2017.docx).

2. If my pathology department or lab already reports to CCR, will the requirements for reporting change?
   Reporting requirements are detailed within the CCR Electronic Pathology Reporting Standards Implementation Guide. To download a copy please go to the following link: http://www.ccrcal.org/pdf/AB2325/EPathReportingStds_IG_Final_V1.0_2017.docx. Pathology departments and laboratories currently reporting to CCR should reference the Implementation Guide and plan for any necessary changes accordingly. Pathology laboratories reporting via current nationally approved methods via either the National Lab Reporting Project (CDC/NPCR) or the National Cancer Institute (NCI) Surveillance and Epidemiology for End Results (SEER) program supported by Artificial Intelligence in Medicine (AIM) will not require a change to their current reporting configuration. However, it is the intent of CCR to collect and obtain the highest standard of data available from pathologists and laboratories. If a laboratory can meet a higher level of the reporting standard as outlined in the implementation guide, CCR would like to work with the laboratory to explore options for obtaining a higher level standard of data.

3. If my pathology department or lab does not currently report to CCR, when is the new mandate to report effective?
   The mandate for pathologists to report becomes effective as of January 1, 2019. Pathologists, pathology departments, pathology labs and pathology software vendors should plan accordingly to comply with California reporting requirements and begin to submit data to CCR on or before January 1, 2019.

4. When will the Self-Testing Portal be available?
   The Self-Testing Portal will be available January 31, 2018

5. When will the Pathology Direct Data Entry Web Portal be available?
   The Pathology Direct Data Entry Web Portal will be available by January 1, 2019 in alignment with the mandate for pathologists to comply with the electronic reporting legislation.

6. Should we register now or wait until the self-testing portal is available?
   Register now and start working with your software vendor to prepare for data submission testing. The Self-Testing portal will go live on January 31, 2018. Software vendors can reference to the CCR Electronic Pathology Reporting Standards Implementation Guide.

7. Can we upload a list of pathologists to the registration portal or do they need to be added individually?
   CCR currently does not have a way to upload a list of names. Pathologist names will need to be added individually by clicking on the "add another pathologist" tab.

8. We already use CNExT to abstract and report our cases to the State-will we require additional software?
   Yes, you will need to work with your Laboratory Information System software vendor and additional software may be needed in order to submit cancer pathology reports. Cancer Case Abstract Reporting is a different data source, CNExT is a cancer case abstracting software product that is used primarily by hospital based registries to create and submit full cancer case abstracts to CCR. Please review the CCR Electronic Pathology Reporting Standards Implementation Guide for more information and talk to your LIS vendor and IT department.

9. Is there a start-up fee?
   The state of California does not charge a start-up fee. Please check with your software vendor for any extra vendor fees.

10. Will there be a maintenance fee?
    No, the state of California does not charge a maintenance fee. For more information please download a copy of the CCR Electronic Pathology Reporting Standards Implementation Guide (http://www.ccrcal.org/pdf/AB2325/EPathReportingStds_IG_Final_V1.0_2017.docx).

11. Do you have a copy of (AB)2325?
    Yes, please go to the following link (http://www.ccrcal.org/pdf/AB2325/20150AB2325_93.pdf) to download a copy of AB 2325.

12. Will it be necessary to hire additional staff to meet this requirement?
    If you currently do not have an output of cancer data being routed to CCR, a facility will need to work with their LIS software vendor to configure the output. If a facility does not want to configure an electronic output from their LIS, an openly available Pathology Direct Data Entry Web Portal will be available on or before January 1, 2019. The Portal will require manual data entry of pathology cancer case information and subsequently will require manual staff time to enter the appropriate case data.

13. What is the penalty for non-compliance?
    If a pathologist fails to report as required by law, the State or its authorized representative may access the information from the pathologist, and the pathologist will be required to reimburse the State or its authorized representative for its costs to access and report the information. Willful failure to grant access to the records can result in a fine of up to five hundred dollars ($500) each day access is refused. For more information on AB 2325 please go to the following link (http://www.ccrcal.org/pdf/AB2325/20150AB2325_93.pdf).

14. I know the hospital reports all cancers diagnosis, Am I still required to report the cases?
    Yes, you are required to report (per AB2325) please download a copy of the CCR Electronic Pathology Reporting Standards Implementation Guide (http://www.ccrcal.org/pdf/AB2325/EPathReportingStds_IG_Final_V1.0_2017.docx) which will guide you through the process.

15. Do you have any printed brochures for distribution explaining AB2325 Electronic Pathology Reporting to the CCR?
    Yes, we developed an At-A-Glance factsheet for AB2325. To download a copy and access additional information please visit our website at http://www.ccrcal.org/AB2325.shtml.

16. I have a customer asking if we can develop the LIS side of the interface to support sending of multiple CCR facility IDs. Are the Registry ID's the same as the lab's unique Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) identifier I see referenced in the CCR Electronic Pathology Reporting Standard Implementation Guide?
    Yes, CCR uses the CLIA's to identify the sending facilities. CCR does map to an internal registry ID, but all lab reports enter our system and are validated by the CLIA.

Please go to the CCR website (www.ccrcal.org/AB2325.shtml) for more information on AB2325, to view a list of frequently asked questions or to submit a question.