

California Cancer Registry
Production Automation and Quality Control Unit

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2013 Staging Education Needs Assessment

The Production Automation and Quality Control (PAQC) Unit would like to encourage you to participate in NCRA's Staging Education needs assessment. This survey will assist NCRA in determining the specific education and training needs that should be developed to educate registrars in coding TNM and directly coded stage.

To ensure the cancer surveillance community is prepared for the transition from Collaborative Stage to directly coded stage, the AJCC has asked NCRA to prepare an Education Needs Assessment. The goal of the assessment is to identify gaps in knowledge and skills in order to determine the training and education needed to prepare for the 2016 shift in staging process. The link to the needs assessment has been sent out by NCRA, AJCC-ACoS and NAACCR. So far, 519 hospital registrars and 62 central cancer registrars have responded. We would like to increase the number of regional registrars responding and add as many non-ACoS hospital registrars and non-CTR cancer reporters as possible.

If you haven't already done so, please take some time to participate in this assessment: (<http://www.sogosurvey.com/k/RQsQTYPPsUsPsPsP>)

Your help is needed to assure that your education/training needs are understood and can be met. Please complete this survey to help us meet national education and training needs for assigning cancer stage. Certified Tumor Registrars (CTRs) can earn 1 complimentary Continuing Education credit (CE).

The survey will take 45-60 minutes and needs to be completed in one sitting. A copy of the AJCC 7th Edition Staging Manual and the Summary Stage 2000 is needed. Once you finish and submit the survey, The National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) will follow-up with details on how to obtain a CE completion certificate if you are a CTR.

Deadline: December 10, 2013.

To begin the assessment, click the link: <http://www.sogosurvey.com/k/RQsQTYPPsVsPsPsP>
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