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April 11, 2012: NCRW Educational Meeting, CPIC, Fremont. Contact: Shawky Matta at shawky.matta@cpic.org

April 11, 2012: NCRW Educational Meeting, Desert Sierra CSP, Loma Linda. Contact: Becky Cassady at rcassady@ahs.llumc.edu

About This Issue

Katheryne Vance, BA, CTR

Spring is here! A season of renewal and growth. In the cancer registry world, renewal and growth are evidenced in the annual data changes, new reporting software, educational meetings and National Cancer Registrars Week.

In "Using Evidence-based Findings to Improve Early-stage Diagnosis of Colorectal Cancer in California", Dr. John Morgan notes that the high quality data that cancer registrars collect supports evidenced based research. Cheryl Moody from the CCR's Data Standards and Quality Control Unit reminds us that cancer registration follows business models in assuring data integrity in the article "Business Rules Management Solutions". General highlights and schema highlights are noted in "Another Year, Another Collaborative Stage Version"; cancer registrars are encouraged to take advantage of the 2012 Data Change workshops offered.

We would like to congratulate to Mark Cruz, CTR who has been selected as Data Collection, Unit Chief. This Unit of the CCR is responsible for data collected in Regions 3, 4, 7, and 10.

As "Partners in Progress", the CCR wishes you all a "Happy Cancer Registrars Week" and thanks you for the tremendous job you do in providing cancer data of the highest quality.

Using Evidence-Based Findings to Improve Early-stage Diagnosis of Colorectal Cancer in California

John Morgan, Dr. PH, CPH
Epidemiologist, Tri Counties Regional Cancer Registry and Desert Sierra CSP

April 18-21, 2012: NCRA Annual Conference, Wash:ngton,D.C.
Contact: www.ncra-usa.org

April 25, 2012: 2012 Data Changes Workshop Region 3, Sacramento.
Contact: Kathyryne Vance at kvance@ccr.ca.gov

May 3, 2012: SD-CCRA Educational Meeting, San Diego. Contact: Tammi Becker at becker.tammi@scrippshealth.org

May 10, 2012: 2012 Data Changes Workshop Region 4, Ventura.
Contact: Kathyryne Vance at kvance@ccr.ca.gov

The 22nd Annual USC CSP Educational Symposium. Date to be Announced. Contact: csp.symposium@usc.edu

May 31, 2012: 2012 Data Changes Workshop Region 10, Fountain Valley. Contact: Kathyryne Vance at kvance@ccr.ca.gov

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Background: Current screening recommendations for colorectal cancer (CRC) encourage initiation of FOBT, sigmoidoscopy, or colonoscopy at age 50 for persons that experience average risk, with continuation of one or more of these screening practices in accordance with recommended guidelines, until age 75 years (1). Older age is the most robust risk factor for CRC, with approximately 90 percent of California cases from 2005 -2009 diagnosed after age 49 years. Because of language and cultural barriers to screening and because persons of non-Hispanic black race experience the highest age-adjusted risk of death for CRC, Hispanic and NHB Americans are frequently targeted for intensified screening (2-3). Males also experience somewhat higher age-adjusted risk of CRC than females, although the longer life-expectancy and older age-distribution for women ensures that nearly as many women will succumb to CRC in the U.S. during 2012 as men (4).

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Business Rules Management Solutions

Cheryl Moody, BA, CTR
California Cancer Registry

Business Rules Management Solutions (BRMS) is a project developed by CCR to implement automatic coding error identification and correction in the Eureka Data Management System (EDMS) database. EDMS is a central registry system which houses all the cancer cases in California. This database is then used to submit California's cancer cases to SEER, NAACCR and NPCR and uses the same edit metafile that is in the hospital software edit package. This project utilizes experienced CTRs who work in collaboration with experienced software programmers.

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As we all continue to recover from the massive data changes challenges of 2010, we find that the data collected is more enriched and clinically relevant. Subsequent data changes have focused on refining Collaborative Stage (CS) codes. Many of the CS changes in 2011 were relatively minor. For those who were unable to attend education and training sessions on the 2011 data changes, the modules have been posted to the CCR web site: www.ccrca.org, click on Registrar Resources and go to the Registrar Education and Training page.

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Kay Gebhard

Many of us have known Kay Gebhard through her association with SEER and it's cancer registries. Kay has been valiantly fighting breast cancer for years and more recently her health has been deteriorating. If you would like to send Kay a card to acknowledge that she is still part of our cancer registrar family and that you are thinking of her please see the following information:

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