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Cancer Registry

What is a Cancer Registry?

Cancer registries collect information about cancer patients. Hospitals, physician's offices, and pathology laboratories send information about cancer cases to the cancer registry. Cancer registrars then transfer the information from the patient's medical record to a computer database. The information from cancer registries can be used to:

• Monitor cancer trends over time.

• Direct the planning and evaluation of cancer programs.

• Educate physicians and other healthcare professionals.

• Improve patient care.

The UVMC Cancer Registry maintains all records in accordance with applicable federal and state laws, including the Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System (OCISS), which monitors cancer incidence across the state.

In addition, as part of our accreditation as a Community Hospital Cancer Program by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (ACoS – CoC), we submit data annually to the National Cancer Data Base (NCDB).

What type of data is collected?

The data collected by a cancer registry includes:

• Patient demographics, medical history, and co-existing conditions.

• Information about the tumor such as the size, site, and stage at time of diagnosis are also collected to accurately describe each patient's cancer.

• Treatment provided to the patient, such as surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and hormone therapy are also recorded.

• Follow-up information is collected on each patient to chronicle the outcomes of their cancer treatment.

Cancer Conferences

The UVMC Cancer Registry also coordinates two Cancer Conferences each month. On the second Monday of the month is the Facility-wide Cancer Conference. These conferences offer educational opportunities as well as multidisciplinary patient-oriented discussions with representatives from Radiation Oncology, Medical Oncology, Surgery, Diagnostic Radiology and Nuclear Medicine, Pathology, Nursing, Hospice, Cancer Patient Services, Palliative Care, and Pastoral Care. On the fourth Monday of each month is the Physicians Cancer Conference, where the physicians and those involved directly with the patients can discuss each case in more detail.

To schedule a case for discussion at a Cancer Conference, please contact the Cancer Registry at (937) 440-4829 or (937)440-4830.

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Registry Staff

The Cancer Registry is staffed by two cancer registrars for 1.5 FTEs.

Continuing Education of Cancer Registry Staff was provided by:

- The Miami Valley Cancer Registrars Association (MVCRA)
- The Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System (OCISS) staff
- The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer (ACoS-CoC)
- Elekta Impac Software staff and online programs
- The National Cancer Data Base (NCDB)
- The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
- The Miami Valley Health Information Management Association (MVHIMA)
- The North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR)

Total Caseload since 1985: 8,878

Analytic case follow-up rate: 82%

Reported aggregate data to:

- *The Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System (OCISS)*

All cases abstracted and required by OCISS for the year 2009.

- *The National Cancer Date Base (NCDB)*

In 2010, UVMC's Cancer Registry responded to the 20th Annual Call for Data. Data was submitted for the accession years 2008, 2003, 1998, and 1988.

*Additional statistics, such as comparison by site, gender, class of case, etc. will be available online at http://www.uvmc.com/uvmchome.aspx, under Cancer Care Center, Cancer Care Reports.