

National Cancer Registrars Week (NCRW) April 9 – 13, 2012

Cancer Registrars: Partners in Progress in the Nation's Fight Against Cancer

Alexandria, VA, March 1, 2012—Cancer registrars throughout the world will join their colleagues, fellow medical professionals and community leaders to observe National Cancer Registrars Week (NCRW), April 9-13, 2012. The purpose of NCRW is to emphasize the foundation cancer registrars provide for cancer research, prevention, and treatment. The 2012 NCRW theme, *Partners in Progress*, reflects the role of the cancer registrar in partnering with the medical community for a cancer free tomorrow.

Cancer registrars are data information specialists that collect and code patient-level data for cancer registries. The registries provide essential information to healthcare providers and health officials to better monitor and improve cancer treatment, conduct research, and target cancer prevention and screening programs.

"This year's theme—Partners in Progress—was chosen to acknowledge how cancer registrars are important allies in the fight against cancer. They play a pivotal role by capturing data—data used by researchers and medical professionals who are seeking to advance cancer prevention programs and treatment. We celebrate National Cancer Registrars Week to honor this important contribution," notes NCRA president Melanie W. Rogan, CTR.

Cancer registrars work in a variety of cancer treatment and research settings and manage a wide range of demographic and medical data on those with cancer. The information is both submitted and utilized by state and national cancer registries to enable cancer programs to accurately determine cancer patient populations, measure outcomes of treatment and survival, and formulate plans for improvement. These data are included in numerous publications including the prestigious *Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer*, a collaboration of the American Cancer Society, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Cancer Institute, and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, that uses cancer registry data to provide updated information on cancer occurrence and trends.

Besides proclamations issued by a number of state governors, National Cancer Registrars Week activities include staff recognition events, professional development sessions, and displays promoting the work of the cancer registry and its value to public health.

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About the National Cancer Registrars Association



Chartered in May 1974, the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) is a non-profit organization that represents more than 5,000 cancer registry professionals and Certified Tumor Registrars. The mission of NCRA is to promote education, credentialing, and advocacy for cancer registry professionals. Cancer registrars capture a complete summary of patient history, diagnosis, treatment, and status for every cancer patient in the United States, and other countries as well. Cancer registrars hope their work will lead to better treatments, and ultimately, a cure. For more information about NCRA, visit ncra-usa.org.