



Quality Cancer Registry Data Impacts Future Reimbursements

In these times of healthcare moving to Accountable Care, cancer registry data can be used to show how patients are provided nationally established work-up and treatment options at your institution. The quality of data collection directly impacts how patient outcomes and protocols established within your Cancer Program measure up. It's a fact that reimbursement based on outcomes is coming soon and your cancer registry already has the data needed to support this. Ensuring that your registry data is timely and coded correctly is essential for analysis of outcomes which can be used as the basis for future reimbursements.

With over 100 coded data items and evolving coding rules it is especially important to have knowledgeable staff that are current with these changes. Many new codes and rules are applicable for 2014 cases. Does your registry staff know how to implement these new codes and coding rules? Do they stay current on future changes that will affect your registry and prepare for appropriate implementation?

The days of on-the-job training for cancer registrars are over. Registrars need formal training and hands-on practice to thrive in the field and provide value to your organization. Therefore, one of the most effective ways to have experienced, highly efficient registrars is to work with a reputable outsourcing agency like Professional Registry Services, LLC (PRS) to provide the experience and knowledge you will need to meet current and future program needs.

Additionally, in CoC Accredited Cancer Programs all abstracting must be done by certified (CTR) registry personnel. Do you have enough CTR's to abstract all your cases in the appropriate timeline and meet internal and external reporting requirements?

All ProRegistry Services' abstractors are CTRs with over 10 years of hospital and central registry experience. With one of the *original* COC trained survey consultants, Joyce L. Jones, CTR, as our President, you can be comfortable with her oversight of all projects. By using PRS you can be assured all the changes in "Cancer Program Standards 2012 – Ensuring Patient-Centered Care" are well known and a vast array of resources can be available to aid your program in understanding and implementation of these changes.

Whether you need consulting on the effectiveness of the use of the registry data for your Cancer Program, temporary assistance with abstracting and/or follow-up, or ongoing support in your registry and cancer program, PRS is available to help with all your cancer program needs.

Contact Joyce L. Jones at 630-556-3246 to discuss your Registry needs.