

DHR and ACS Release Georgia Cancer Data Report 2000

On October 19, the Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Registry and the Southeast Division of the American Cancer Society released its first cancer data report.

The report includes incidence and mortality data by county for the top five

cancers in the state of Georgia, as well as expected cancer cases and deaths for the year 2000, completeness of case reporting, and behavioral risk factor surveillance data.

The report is intended to be a useful reference for anyone interested in

cancer prevention, screening, research, education, and treatment in Georgia.

It is available through the Cancer Control Section of the Georgia Department of Human Resources at (404) 657-6611, or on the internet at health.state.ga.us.

Completeness of Case Reporting

In 1995, cancer became a notifiable disease in Georgia. Health care providers are required to report all cancer cases in their patient population to the Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Registry.

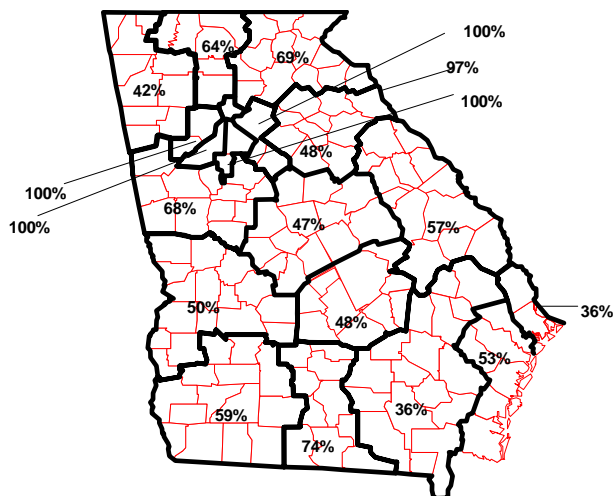
It is important that all cancer cases are reported to the central registry in a complete and timely manner so that statewide cancer incidence data may be

analyzed, disseminated, and utilized. The data may then be used by the Georgia Division of Public Health, health care providers, and Georgia citizens to monitor cancer trends, identify and evaluate cancer morbidity and mortality problems, and design and evaluate cancer control strategies.

Failure to report cases makes it impossible to accurately assess the burden of cancer in Georgia. Without this knowledge, it is difficult to determine where to spend precious prevention and screening dollars.

Any questions about reporting procedures and requirements should be directed to your regional coordinator.

Completeness of Case Reporting by Health District, Georgia 1997



Regional Coordinators

North Region

- Rana Bayakly (acting) (404) 657-1943

Central Region

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Metro Region

- Mary Lewis (404) 727-9787

Southeast Region

- Susan Roberson (912) 303-1902

Southwest Region

- Carol Crosby (912) 430-6388

Special Bulletins

Governor Barnes announced a new cancer initiative. If funded, the initiative would strengthen local cancer centers and cancer registries. [Educate your legislators about what your hospital is doing.](#)

GCCR Policy and Procedure Manual updates will be mailed December 2000.

Summary Stage 2000 and ICD-O-3 will be available in January 2001. These manuals will be used for all cases diagnosed beginning January 1, 2001.

ROADS Revised Surgery Codes and Appendix D pages are now available for download from the ACoS website at www.facs.org. Click on Cancer, CTR

Corner, Surgery Code Clarifications & Table.

1997 Casefinding audits are currently underway in Georgia hospitals. You will be informed if you are going to be audited. Participation is mandatory for all hospitals that are chosen.

FAQ's

Q: When is my submission due?

A: Hospitals must report cancer to the central registry within six months from the date of diagnosis of cancer. Facilities must report **monthly** either by electronic or photocopy submission. All hospitals with a total licensed bed size of more than 100 beds **must** submit the required data electronically. A facility will be considered delinquent for the monthly submission if data has not been received by the 5th of the following month. For example, January submissions must be received on or before February 5th to be considered timely.

Free standing laboratories and radiation facilities must submit an electronic list of all cancer patients to the central registry on a yearly basis.

For further information, please consult your GCCR Policy and Procedure Manual or your regional coordinator.

Q: Where should I send my submission?

A: Mail delivery:

Fran Michaud, CTR
Georgia Center for Cancer Statistics
The Rollins School of Public Health
1518 Clifton Rd, NE
Atlanta, GA 30322

UPS/Other Special Delivery:

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**Please be sure to mail your electronic submissions in an appropriate disk mailer.

Mark Your Calendars...

GCCR Winter Conference

Jan 11-12, 2001

Medical College of GA in Augusta

You must be present to receive a **free** ICD-O-3 manual worth \$50 (one per facility).

Conference Highlights Include:

For Electronic Reporters:

ICD-O-3, Summary Stage 2000, and Edit Reports

For Photocopy Reporters and New Registrars:

Basic Reporting Requirements and Casefinding

Star Reporters

This feature will showcase hospitals that have done an exceptional job in reporting cases to the central registry. In each quarterly newsletter, we will print a list of facilities which have submitted **on time and without rejection each month for the past six months**, beginning with the November 2000 submission (due December 5, 2000). Please e-mail your feedback about this feature to: arbayakly@hr.state.ga.us

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