

ACRA REMINDER

Fall 2012

Alabama Cancer Registrars Association 2011-2012 Officers and Committee Chairs

President - Priscilla Foster
President Elect - Lou Ellen Marchman
Vice President - Diane Hadley
Secretary - Joanne Powers
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Treasurer Elect - Belinda Limbaugh
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Education - Patricia Caldwell
Bylaws - Judy Smith
Ways & Means - Silvia Ramsey
Membership - Cynthia Dixon
Donation - Janice Granger
Nominating - Diane Lolley
Ballot - Cindy Johnson

A Message from our President

Priscilla Foster, CTR, CPC

Greeting to ACRA Members:

Wow! What a year this has been. Our fall meeting is about a week away and the program and everything has been finalized. We have received NCRA's approval for a total of 12 CEU's for both days of the meeting which calculates to 6.5 for Thursday and 5.5 for Friday. I'm excited and I believe that everyone will learn and gain a lot of valuable take home information from this meeting. We listened to you for topics of interest and our education chair along with ACRA's Board members has worked diligently and really hard on making sure that this meeting will be a success for all the members and attendees.

I must say that this has been a great year as well as a challenging year for me. I have learned a whole lot and gained a significant amount of knowledge and help from my board members, we have worked as a team. I will miss this great team. I thank you, ACRA's membership, for your trust and the opportunity to represent you as your president it has been a journey, a great experience and an opportunity for me to glean from everyone involved. I pray that I have lived up to your expectations as your leader of this great association. I look forward to working with our incoming president Lou Ellen Marchman; I know that she has great plans for the upcoming year.

Again, thank you all for a great year.



Vice President's Report Diane Hadley

Thanks to everyone for the great articles, write-ups, information and pictures that you sent for all the newsletters this year. You all made my job a lot easier and I could not have done this without each of your contributions. I have enjoyed working with the ACRA Board and encourage all members to become an officer or committee member.

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

Take care and God Bless You!

Donation Committee Report Karen Hood

ACRA members,

Donations are coming in but we still need your help! It is not too late!

For those of you that have been unable to attend our meetings, we are still counting on your support!!! Don't forget to ask family members or friends if they have gift cards that they don't expect to use, if they would like to make a donation.

We have less than a week to go until our annual meeting on **OCTOBER 11th!!!!**

We really want to get in as many donations as possible. We still need help soliciting the department stores and restaurants. We have copies of the vendor/donation letters and you can have them with you when traveling. *It only takes a minute or two to request a donation.*



HAPPY FALL EVERYONE !!!

The nominating committee would like to say “thank you” to all of you who ran for office this year. We really appreciate you stepping up and taking an active part in your association. Also, those of you that told me you may run next year, I will be looking for your name on the ballot next year!

I have enjoyed serving as nominating chair and getting to talk to some of you for the first time. Now, go out and enjoy this beautiful fall weather!

The Nominating Committee

Diane Lolley – Chair

Linda Halasz

Carol Kennemur

Congratulations!

Ms, Wendy Richardson , with East Alabama Medical Center cancer registry, passed her CTR exam!



ACRA Annual Meeting

"Cancer Registrar's United for the Cause"

2012 ACRA's 33rd ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Thursday and Friday, October 11-12, 2012

Conference Location and Host Hotel:

Hilton Birmingham Perimeter Park

8 Perimeter Park South

Birmingham, AL 35243

The conference will include a variety of topics with excellent speakers that are sure to enhance and enlighten you...including SEER's **Carolyn Hahns Johnson** and COC Collaborative Staging Educator and speaker **Ms. Cynthia Broudreux**. The 2-day conference is tentatively scheduled for **12 CEU's**.



There are numerous restaurants and shopping in the area. Shuttle service is available. The hotel is about a 1/4 of a mile from the beautiful Summit shopping mall and very conveniently located to restaurants like The Cheese Cake Factory, The Crackle Barrel and Johnny Rockets just to name a few. So we are excited and looking forward to seeing all of you!

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33RD ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE
10/11/2012

6:45 am - 7:45 am	Registration and Breakfast
7:45 am – 8:00 am	Greeting and Welcome Priscilla Foster, CTR, CPC, ACRA President UAB Hospital Infusion Coding
8:00 am – 10:00 am	Registry Update/ASCR Certificate Program Xuejun Shen, PH.D, MS, Program Director Alabama Statewide Cancer Registry Montgomery, AL
	The Importance of Text Fields, DCO cases Data Completeness/Software Upgrades Tara R. Freeman, MSM, RHIA, CHDA, CTR Data Education Manager
	Epidemiologist Incidence and Trends in Alabama Data Justin George, MPH, ASCR, Assistant Director and Epidemiologist
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break, Exhibits
10:15 am – 11:30 am	ICD-10
11:30 am – 12:30 am	Exhibits, Lunch (On your own)
12:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Hematopoietic Disease Update Q&A Carol H. Johnson, BS, CTR, Senior Advisor, Quality Improvement Cancer Statistics Branch Division of Cancer Control and Population Science National Cancer Institute
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	HIPPA and Release of Information for the Registry Yolanda Rich, MBA, FHFMA, CHC, Vice President of Compliance Chief Compliance & Privacy Officer Grady Health System
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm	Closing Remarks Priscilla Foster, CTR, CPC, President ACRA
4:15 pm – 5:15 pm	Exhibits
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Social Gathering Reception (TBA)

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7:00 am – 7:45 am	Registration and Breakfast
7:45 am - 8:00 am	Welcome Priscilla Foster, CTR, CPC, President ACRA
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Informatics For Cancer Registrars Matthew Wyatt, MSHI, Biomedical Informatics UAB Center for Clinical and Transitional Science Information Services
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Cancer Prevention Study 3 Deborah McMillian-Key, Health Initiatives Representative, American Cancer Society Mid-South Division, Inc,
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am – 12:15 pm	Cynthia Boudreaux, LPN, CTR
12:15 pm – 1:30 pm	Business Meeting and Lunch
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm	Installation of Officers
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Coding Regional Scope of Lymph Nodes Dr. Helen Krontraris Surgery UAB
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	Closing Remarks Priscilla Foster & Incoming President Lou Ellen Marchman
Adjournment	



Basket Update: We currently have 8 baskets being assembled.

- **Breast Cancer Awareness**
- **Mardi gras themed basket**
- **Health Foods & Snacks**
- **Angel Basket**
- **Owl themed basket**
- **Gift Card basket**
- **2-Baskets (type undecided)**

If you are interested in donating a basket please complete this form and email or fax it to me at either paula_wyatt@gadsdenregional.com or 256-494-4966.

Hospital/Individual Name

Contact Name

Contact Phone Number

Type of Basket

Questions & Answers from NAACCR Webinars

Collecting Cancer Data: Hematopoietic & Lymphoid Neoplasms

Q: If a patient has a positive bone marrow biopsy without immunophenotyping, what is the diagnostic confirmation code?

A: Positive bone marrow biopsy without immunophenotyping is assigned diagnostic confirmation code 1.

Q: What if you have a diagnosis of mild thrombocythemia or thrombocythemia, NOS? Does it have to actually state essential to be reportable?

A: Per the hematopoietic database, these are not listed as alternate terms. The alternate terms include essential primary, idiopathic or hemorrhagic. If the term is not listed in the alternate names, then it is not reportable.

Please bring questions to the ACRA meeting that you would like to ask Carol Johnson during the Hematopoietic Disease Update.

Ask a SEER Registrar

<http://seer.cancer.gov/seer inquiry/index.php?page=search>

Q: MP/H Rules/Multiple primaries--Lung: If a 1.7 cm LUL lung tumor is not treated surgically, would a 2.1 cm tumor in the same lobe three years later be considered a new primary? See discussion.

A: For cases diagnosed 2007-2013:

If the tumor diagnosed in 2004 was successfully treated and disappeared, apply the MP/H rules for lung. According to rule M8, the 2004 tumor and the 2007 tumor are multiple primaries. If there was no disease-free interval between tumor occurrences, that is, if the 2007 tumor is still the same tumor that was diagnosed in 2004, the MP/H rules do not apply.



October

2—Mark Jackson
8—Patricia Caldwell
9—Lou Ellen Marchman
17—Jennifer Ballard
26—Briana McCants
28—Bobbie Bailey

November

5—DeeAnn Hennis
10—Yolanda Graham-Gaston
10—Teisha Robertson
14—Kay Cook
18—Bonnie Nelson

December

17— Sheila Grant
19—Judy Lang
31—Diane Hadley



Italian Pasta

Main Ingredients:

10 ounces fusilli pasta
1 onion, chopped
1 green bell pepper, chopped
2 tomatoes, chopped
1 cup chopped mushrooms
3/4 cup Italian-style dressing

Directions:

1. In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta until al dente, rinse under cold water and drain.
2. In a large bowl, combine the pasta, onion, bell pepper, tomatoes and mushrooms. Pour enough dressing over to coat; toss and refrigerate until chilled.