

## **National Cancer Registrars Week (NCRW) April 10 – 14, 2017**

### *Cancer Registrars: Putting the Pieces Together*

Alexandria, VA, February 1, 2017 — Cancer registrars throughout the world will join their colleagues, fellow medical professionals, and community leaders to observe the 21<sup>st</sup> annual National Cancer Registrars Week (NCRW), April 10-14, 2017. The 2017 theme, *Cancer Registrars: Putting the Pieces Together*, reflects cancer registrars' role in compiling the critical information needed to support effective cancer treatment and research, with the ultimate goal of preventing cancer and finding a cure.

“Quality cancer data is central to the nation’s fight against cancer, and cancer registrars are the first link in capturing that data. National Cancer Registrars Week provides an opportunity to acknowledge the central role registrars play in the research, treatment, and prevention of cancer,” noted NCRA president Linda Corrigan, MHE, RHIT, CTR.

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.

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 to, 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. The 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.

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. To learn more, go to [www.ncra-usa.org/ncrw](http://www.ncra-usa.org/ncrw).

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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 5,800 cancer registry professionals and Certified Tumor Registrars (CTRs). The mission of NCRA is to promote education, credentialing, and advocacy for cancer registry professionals. Cancer registrars are data information specialists that capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S. The data provide essential information to researchers, healthcare providers, and public health officials to better monitor and advance cancer treatments, conduct research, and improve cancer prevention and screening programs. For more information, visit the NCRA website at [www.ncra-usa.org](http://www.ncra-usa.org).