

NCDB News



NCDB Reporting Tools Updated and Online!

The *NCDB Hospital Comparison Benchmark Reports* and *Cancer Program Practice Profile Reports (CP³R)* have been updated with 2009 diagnoses. The *NCDB Survival Reports* have been updated with cases diagnosed through 2004. All three updated reports are online and can be accessed by registered users of CoC Datalinks.

The *NCDB Survival Reports* are provided to CoC-accredited cancer programs to access AJCC stage-stratified all cause five-year observed survival rates for all cancer sites. This reporting tool enables users to generate survival reports filtered by primary site of the cancer, diagnosis period, geographic location of cancer programs and cancer program category or corporate affiliation. Users can even generate program-specific results. Computed results are available for cases diagnosed between 1994-1997 (*AJCC 4th ed.*), 1998-2002 (*AJCC 5th ed.*), or 2003-2004 (*AJCC 6th ed.*), and output displays can be controlled to show overall rates and 95 percent confidence intervals. To facilitate local use and distribution, users are able to download reports to their computer in any one of the following file formats: Adobe Acrobat PDF, Microsoft Word, Excel or PowerPoint.

The *Cancer Program Practice Profile Reports (CP³R)* has been updated to include 2009 diagnoses, and provides performance rates for each of the National Quality Forum (NQF) endorsed evidence-based measures for breast and colon cancer care over a six year time period (2004-2009).

The *NCDB Hospital Comparison Benchmark Reports* include approximately 10 million cases diagnosed between 2000 and 2009 at currently accredited CoC cancer programs.

In collaboration with research staff at the American Cancer Society, a new variable has been introduced to these reports. "Time to Treatment" is computed as the number of days between diagnosis and the start of a patient's therapy and is presented stratified by quartiles based upon national aggregate data. Hospital Comparison Benchmark Report users can generate three different types of reports showing: 1) data reported to the NCDB from their own cancer registry; 2) aggregated data by hospital system, state, region, or at the national level; 3) a comparison of the cases submitted to the NCDB by the user's cancer program and all the other programs identified by the user in the comparative group.

For technical assistance when using these reports, email ncdb@facs.org.

The National Cancer Data Base (NCDB), a joint program of the Commission on Cancer and the American Cancer Society, is a nationwide oncology outcomes database for more than 1,500 CoC-accredited cancer programs in the United States and Puerto Rico, capturing approximately 70 percent of all newly diagnosed cases of cancer annually. Started in 1989, the NCDB contains approximately 25 million case records. Data collected include patient characteristics, tumor staging and histology characteristics, type of first course treatment administered, disease recurrence, and survival information. These data are used to explore trends in cancer care, create regional and state benchmarks for participating hospitals, and to serve as the basis for quality improvement.



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