



# CoC Flash

*A Monthly News Update from the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons*



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## **Hurricane Katrina and CoC-Approved Cancer Programs**

The catastrophic events surrounding hurricane Katrina have left numerous CoC-Approved Cancer Programs unable to function or functioning at a limited level. The CoC, its staff and members, sends its thoughts and prayers to those affected, and is taking steps to address the various cancer program issues that may arise during the next several months as these facilities work to become operational once again.

In an effort to provide support, we have identified several areas for which cancer programs in Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama will receive special consideration:

- 2005 and 2006 (January-June) Surveys
- Cancer program activity and Standard compliance
- Completion of the SAR Annual Update
- The NCDB September 1, 2005 deadline for 2003 corrections
- The NCDB Call For Data (2004 cases)

The CoC is looking at these areas and will develop policies for action in the next few weeks. Since some locations may have been affected more than others, each facility's situation will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The CoC strongly encourages the registrar or a designated individual involved with the cancer program to contact the CoC to discuss the facility's situation.

The following is a list of CoC-Approved Cancer Programs that we believe may have been affected by the hurricane. If your facility is listed, but it is fully functioning, or if your facility is currently unable to operate and we have not listed it here, please contact a member of our **Approvals** staff as soon as possible at **312/202-5085**.

### **Alabama**

**Cullman:** Cullman Regional Medical Center (6530320)

**Mobile:** Mobile Infirmiry Medical Center (6530620); Providence Hospital (6530630); Springhill Medical Center (6530630)

### **Louisiana**

**Covington:** Lakeview Regional Medical Center (10000088); Mary Bird Perkins Cancer Center (10000065); St. Tammany Parish Hospital (6720185)

**Marrero:** West Jefferson Medical Center (6720415)

**Metairie:** East Jefferson Medical Center (6720418)

**New Orleans:** Children's Hospital (6720520); Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans (6720510); Memorial Medical Center (6720650); Ochsner Clinic Foundation (6720631); Touro Infirmiry (6720670); Tulane University Hospital and Clinics (6720680); VA Medical Center New Orleans (6720700)

**Slidell:** Slidell Memorial Hospital (6720876)

### **Mississippi**

**Biloxi:** Keesler Medical Center (6540060)

**Gulfport:** Memorial Hospital at Gulfport (6540300)

**Hattiesburg:** Forrest General Hospital (6540315)

For approved programs that have lost electronic data and/or cancer registry manuals, the CoC is in a position to help. We can provide electronic data submission files containing previous NCDB Call for Data information for individual hospitals as well as cancer program survey results. We can also provide a copy of the Cancer Program Standards 2004, FORDS, Collaborative Staging, and AJCC TNM staging manuals to affected programs. Please let us know if your program is in need of any of these materials.

### CoC Staff Contacts

Contact Lisa Landvogt ([llandvogt@facs.org](mailto:llandvogt@facs.org) or 312/202-5314) to:

- Advise CoC of facility's functional status
- Request a 2005 and 2006 (January-June) survey extension
- Request a copy of previous survey data or results
- Discuss cancer program activity and Standard compliance issues
- Request replacement cancer program or standards manuals

Contact Nancy Etzold ([nnetzold@facs.org](mailto:nnetzold@facs.org) or 312/202-5339) to:

- Discuss the NCDB September 1, 2005 deadline for 2003 corrections
- Discuss the NCDB Call For Data (2004)
- Request electronic data submission files from previous years

We realize that personnel at some of the affected facilities may not have computer access and, therefore, will not receive this special announcement. If you know of and/or are in contact with colleagues who should be aware of the CoC's activities related to the hurricane, please advise them of this special issue of *CoC Flash*. It will be posted on our Web site at <http://www.facs.org/cancer.index.html>.

Thank you.

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