The National Cancer Database 2020 Call for Data will open January 1, 2020. Please see below for important information regarding the new reporting system, key dates in the submission process, and requirements for submission.

The 2020 Call for Data submission window will run from January 1 through May 31, 2020. Edit corrections are also due by May 31, 2020. A general overview is provided below. Please see https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/ncdb/datasub/registrars for specific details.

The 2020 Call for Data will include all cancer cases diagnosed in 2018 and all analytic cases added or changed since December 1, 2018 for cases diagnosed between 2004 or after the program’s Reference Data (and not earlier than 2004) through 2017.

Submissions in the NAACCR Version 18.0 record layout will be accepted. Registry software will have built-in procedures to assist registrars with case selection. Cancer programs are strongly encouraged to submit their data early during the data submission window rather than waiting until the deadline to enable smoother processing and allow for time to address any issues that may arise.

Compliance with the current CoC Standard 5.5 (Timeliness and Completeness) applies to all cases collected by the NCDB in 2019. Initial submission of all required cases is due by 11:59PM the night of May 31, 2020, Central time. Cases from any diagnosis year that are "rejected" have technically not been submitted, and must be corrected and resubmitted by May 31, 2020 for compliance with Standard 5.5.

For the current, CoC Standard 5.6 (Accuracy of Data) programs will be evaluated for compliance during 2020 survey. The quality of the data submitted will directly affect the quality of your NCDB reporting tools. All resubmission of errors or rejected cases must be completed by May 31, 2020.

The NCDB provides many mechanisms for cancer programs to track their submissions. Cancer registrars are required to review the status of their data submissions on CoC Datalinks using the NCDB: Data Submission History and Edits link to ensure that all cases submitted are successfully received and processed. A courtesy email is sent acknowledging the receipt of data submissions. NCDB encourages registrars to access their edit report in CoC Datalinks, NCDB Data Submission History and Edits. The NCDB recommends that programs retain copies of all notifications related to data submission through their next CoC survey.

After the 2020 Call for Data, the NCDB will be transitioning to a new system and database vendor, IQVIA. The new Rapid Cancer Reporting System (RCRS) will replace and upgrade the current Rapid Quality Reporting System (RQRS). As all quality measures currently in the Cancer Program Practice Profile Reports (CP3R) are transferred into RCRS after roll out, CP3R will be gradually phased out and RCRS will become the data platform for real time and historical quality measure performance. Cancer programs will no longer be required to submit data to two separate data submission portals, and all case updates will occur via resubmission of cases through this single submission portal. Cancer programs will
eventually be submitting new and/or updated cases on a frequent basis and the annual Call for Data will be phased out.

**We appreciate your facility's participation in the Commission on Cancer (CoC) accreditation program and your cancer program’s contribution of data to the NCDB.**

Data submissions are essential for assessing and improving the quality of cancer patient care. The data reported to the NCDB serves as a national resource and provides opportunities for CoC partners and researchers across the country to assess the quality of cancer care. Most importantly, these data are used to provide your cancer program with a wide variety of reporting tools to assist you in evaluating the quality of your cancer care. These data driven tools include comparative benchmark, quality measurement, unadjusted survival, data quality, and the Cancer Quality Improvement Program (CQIP) each of which combines a wealth of data about your cancer program that can proactively be used to improve the delivery and quality of cancer care for cancer patients in your program.

Everything necessary to prepare for the NCDB Call for Data can be found at [https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/ncdb/datasub](https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/ncdb/datasub). If you or members of your cancer program team have any questions regarding the NCDB Call for Data, please contact the NCDB User Support Specialist Staff at NCDB@facs.org.

Regards,

The NCDB Team