

2019 NPCR WYOMING SUCCESS STORY

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Keeping Up With 2018 Changes/Implementation with Reduced Staff

NATIONAL PROGRAM OF CANCER REGISTRIES SUCCESS STORY

SUMMARY: Waiting for the 2018 changes to go into effect, the Wyoming Cancer Surveillance Program (WCSP) was unable to abstract 2018 cases for over a year; creating a tremendous backlog of cases. Early in 2019 the WCSP volunteered to be a beta site to test the 2018 changes using the Rocky Mountain Cancer Data Systems (RMCDS) software. Because of this early initiative to begin abstraction of cases and collaboration with RMCDS, the WCSP was able to get back on track and met the deadlines for submission to the National Program of Central Cancer Registries (NPCR) for 2019.

CHALLENGE: To implement the 2018 changes from NPCR and the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) in a shorter amount of time and complete the backlog in abstracting 2018 cases. This challenge was further complicated by the WCSP being down 50% of the abstracting staff.

SOLUTION: As soon as the 2018 changes were available to RMCDS, (March 2019) the WCSP volunteered as a Beta testing site in the abstraction of 2018 cases to implement the new 2018 changes. The process was slow and at times sometimes frustrating working out the kinks and glitches that go along with the implementation of new changes.

Working in collaboration with RMCDS was not only beneficial to the WCSP but also RMCDS as they were able to improve on the final product

they would be sending out to their clients in the upcoming months.

Beta site testing is not for the faint heart. Because there was a reduced abstracting staff within the WCSP, overtime was granted to beta test and abstract 2018 cases to get caught up with the back log and work collaboratively with RMCDS on issues/problems that arose during the abstraction of cases.

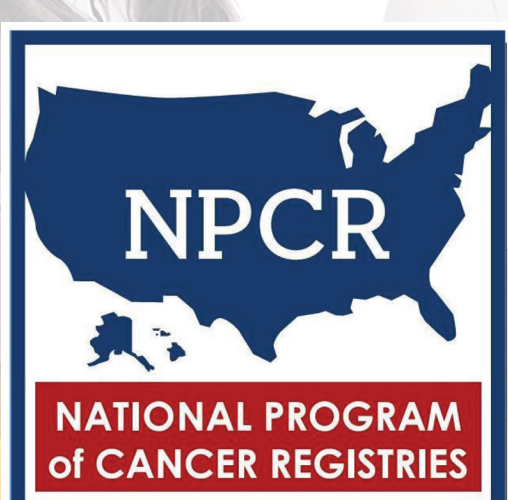
RESULTS: Because of overtime, dedication, and determination, the WCSP abstracting staff was able to achieve an 80% completeness rate (1,900 manually abstracted cases) for 2018 cases in a seven (7) month time frame with only two (2) certified tumor registrars instead of four (4). This is significant because the WCSP does all the abstracting for the State of Wyoming except for two hospitals.

SUSTAINING SUCCESS: If the WCSP can recruit more CTRs in the future and add to the dedicated staff of the WCSP, then the WCSP will be able to maintain their achievement of timely, comprehensive and accurate data and more than likely exceed the great work already being done.

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