

2021 NPCR INDIANA SUCCESS STORY

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Implementing CTR (Certified Tumor Registrar) of the Month

National Program of Cancer Registries SUCCESS STORY

SUMMARY

Indiana State Cancer Registry (ISCR) is implementing a program to recognize staff and/or colleagues for their outstanding performance. The recognition is awarded to an individual each month based on CTR timeliness of data submissions and data quality. The CTR of the Month and their respective hospitals and health systems will be featured in section communications.

CHALLENGE

The impact of COVID-19 on hospitals and health systems is a challenge for the ISCR. CTRs are experiencing increased stress and time constraints which can impact their ability to track submissions, ensure the quality of data, and submit reports on time. Overcoming this challenge is central in ensuring that the ISCR is a useful and impactful tool in helping to reduce the burden of cancer in Indiana.

SOLUTION

Partnering hospitals and health systems and their CTRs have indicated their need for support. The ISCR aims to provide that support through monthly recognition of CTRs and monthly education webinars.

The recognition underscores and promotes the contributions of each individual CTR while encouraging recognition within their hospital and health system. The monthly education webinars afford CTRs the opportunity to be aware of any changes or issues that might arise in their daily work by allowing them more certainty in planning and executing their reporting and helping to ensure accurate tracking, quality data and timely reporting. ISCR is also working on monthly webinars that will provide CEs for participating CTRs.

RESULTS

The ISCR hopes to see increased participation in its continuing education seminars. CTR of the Month recognition for individuals and their hospitals and health systems will enhance CTR satisfaction and create more collaboration. All efforts will enhance greater camaraderie and fellowship among central registry and reporting registries' staff.

SUSTAINING SUCCESS

The success will be sustained through monthly seminars to retain National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) recognition and the continued participation from reporting facilities.

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