

The Ease of Audits

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SUMMARY

The Missouri Cancer Registry (MCR) used to spend hours reviewing medical record disease indices (MRDIs) for casefinding audits. By using a combination of Microsoft® Excel, Match*Pro, and Web Plus software, MCR has streamlined the process of casefinding audits.

CHALLENGES

- Communication and education with facilities to submit MRDIs in Excel format.
- Learning how to apply Excel's match function to compare codes in MRDI to the ICD-10 casefinding list.
- Learning how to analyze reportable cases using Match*Pro software.

SOLUTION

Use Excel, Match*Pro and Web Plus software to compare MRDI information from facilities to CRS Plus software.

RESULTS

- Time to complete casefinding audits was significantly reduced.
- The process was less daunting and disruptive for facilities.
- Missed cases were found with ease and communicated to reporters.
- Web Plus software file transfers were secure and allowed Excel files to be downloaded and manipulated.

SUSTAINING SUCCESS

- Facilities will be less stressed by audits.
- MCR can perform more audits annually using the streamlined process.
- Missed cases will be found and reported.