

SUMMER WEBINAR



The Nuts and Bolts of Interoperability

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Karen Mason, NCRA's Education Committee Chair, will provide an overview of the national collective work being done around data interoperability within the cancer surveillance community. She will begin the webinar by outlining what *interoperability* means, how it is used, and the vital role it will play in cancer data and surveillance. Interoperability is dependent on **structured data** rather than **narrative dialogue** in EHRs and this important difference will be discussed in the construct of automating cancer registry data. Mason will be joined by Jennifer Brown, BS, ODS, a member of NCRA's Informatics Committee, to discuss what hospitals have done or need to do to accomplish data interoperability across EHRs.

Learning objectives:

- Describe what data interoperability is and how reliant it is on structured data.
- Discuss differences between structured data and narrative text or dialogues.
- Explain why structured data matters within every hospital's EHR and its impact on data sharing.
- Outline details about the federal initiative driving data interoperability and data sharing and Mason's work as an NCRA volunteer as part of this effort.
- Provide an opportunity for attendees to participate in Q&A and share the registrar's perspective of structured data within the EHR.

Karen Mason, MSc Health Informatics, RN, ODS-C, is the current Director of the Cancer Data Center for Baptist Health South Florida, Miami Cancer Institute. After serving for many years as an RN, Mason earned a master's in computer science (Health Informatics) in 2005 to align her clinical knowledge and experience with data collection and analysis. She has facilitated numerous workshops and webinars on interoperability and has served as a representative of the American College of Surgeons (ACoS) at educational conferences to share her expertise and her approach to utilizing cancer registry data.



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