

Pacific Regional Central Cancer Registry (PRCCR) 2013

Congratulations to **Ms. Angelina Stevens** the American Samoa Cancer Registrar who passed the Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR) Exam in March 2013!

The Pacific Islands Jurisdictions (PIJs) now have two CTRs working in their Cancer Registries, thanks for all of your hard work!



PRCCR Registrars have become faster and more accurate in their abstracting and this contributed to the November 2013 data submission being on time! Our Registrars have been able to develop routines of submitting their cases in a timely manner with fewer errors. Thanks to Hawaii Tumor Registry for ongoing support and training!



Additional Ongoing Training The American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) Courses:

Below are the names of the PIJ Cancer Registrars who have completed the courses

Anatomy & Physiology

- American Samoa – Angelina Stevens
- Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas (CNMI) – Joanne Ogo
- FSM National – Evel “Felix” Pelep
- Yap – Cecilia Leechugen
- Guam – Renata Bordallo
- Guam – Frances Okubo
- RMI – Suzanne Philipppo
- Palau – Irish Tutii
- PRCCR – Melani Montano

Pathophysiology and Pharmacology

- American Samoa – Angelina Stevens
- Guam – Renata Bordallo
- PRCCR – Melani Montano

Other PIJ Registrars are currently taking the above AHIMA courses.

SEER* Educate

Is an online training platform for people in the cancer registry profession to fill the need of having practical application exercises that are available for people to learn how to be a Cancer Registrar or to stay current with the changing guidelines

Bi-Monthly Calls with Hawaii Tumor Registry (HTR)

Are often composed of walking through a challenging cancer case that has been submitted by one of the PIJ Registrars, updates and this time offers a stage for the Registrars to ask questions and discuss issues with each other

PRCCR welcomed **Ms. Roslynn Ebeo** in April 2013 to the Central Cancer Registry in Guam as the new part-time PRCCR: Research Associate I: Data Collection Specialist!



PIJ Cancer Registry Annual Training in Honolulu March 2013 Highlights

- One on one discussion with each registrar using time-motion-process study and a review of rejected cases
- Abstracting and consolidation practice using actual cases sent by Registrars
- Review of Jurisdiction edit reports and data submitted to PRCCR, FSM National & CDC
- A session on statistics and epidemiology for Cancer Registrars
- Discussion on timely and accurate reporting to the Pacific Regional Central Cancer Registry & FSM National Registries
- HTR also conducted separate CTR Exam Prep and New Hire classes

Ways the Cancer Council of the Pacific Island (CCPI) Directors can continue to support the PIJ Cancer Registries

- Endorse the Cause of Death Training for all of your Jurisdiction's physicians
- Facilitate the sharing of data between your Cancer Registry; the Off Island Referral Offices, Vital Statistics, Laboratories, the Maternal Child Health programs and/or your Breast and Cervical Programs
- Educate your Jurisdiction's Clinicians on the importance of:
 - Thorough documentation of:
 - Risk factors, prior abnormal screening exams, prior immunization (Hep B & HPV)
 - Clinical findings including detailed location and dimensions of masses
 - Associated symptoms / lymph nodes which might suggest advanced or metastatic disease
 - Legible handwriting, dated entries into the chart
 - Quick follow-up and feedback if the Registrar asks for clarification
 - Using the Cancer Program Intake and Tracking Form
 - This form should be filled out when a cancer case is identified

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