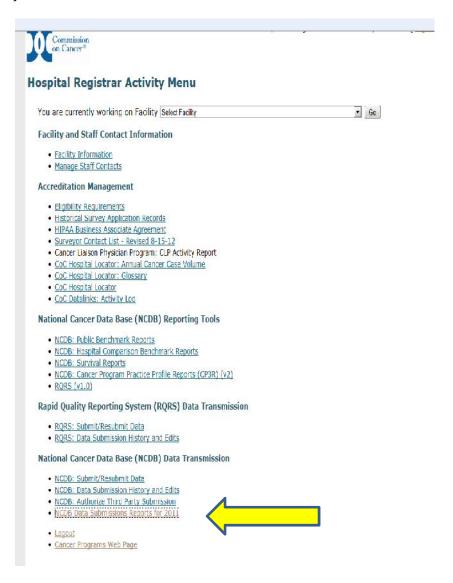
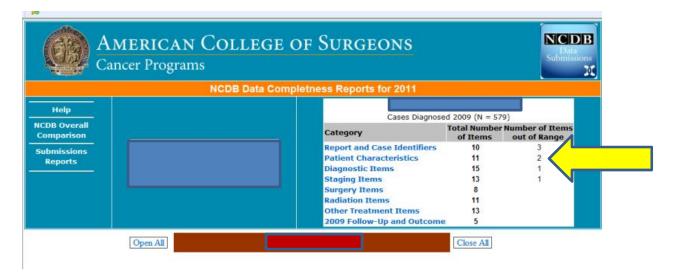
## **NCDB Completeness Report**

New this year from NCDB is a **Completeness Report**. This is accessible by going into DataLinks under National Cancer Data Base (NCDB) Data Transmission section and select *NCDB Data Submission Reports for 2010*.

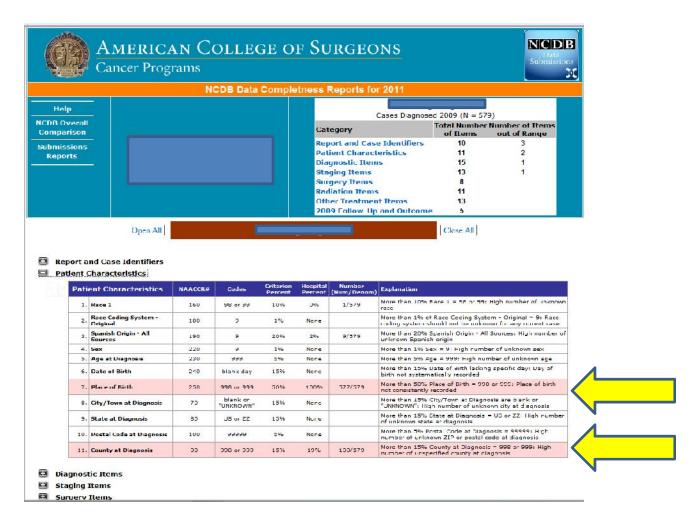


This is a very good tool to help assess quality of your abstracts. Let's look at what is included in this new report. In the white box of the upper right corner you see a summary that shows how many data items your facility has that are exceeding the NCDB benchmarks. In the below report, 4 different sections have areas that are identified as being beyond NCDB benchmarks.

In the example below there are 3 of 10 data items in the Report and Case Identifier section, 2 of 11 data items in Patient Characteristics, 1 of 15 data items in Diagnostics Items, and 1 of 13 data items in the Staging area that are beyond the NCDB benchmark.



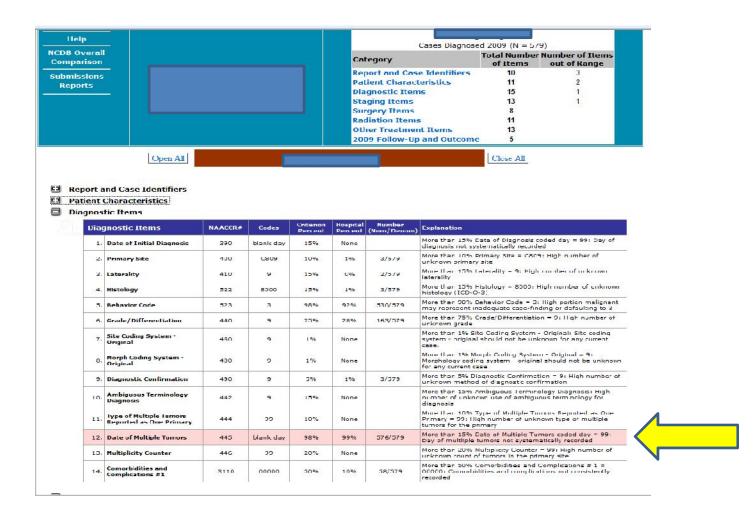
When you select the Category all the data items in that category are shown. The highlighted lines show your facility's 2009 data items that are not within the NCDB benchmarks.



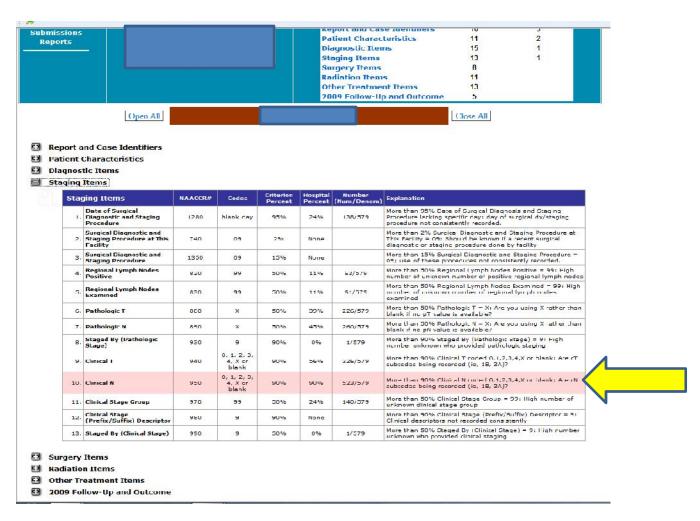
Place of birth and County at Diagnosis in the above report are not within the NCDB benchmarks. The place of birth is a data item that in many facilities is not captured routinely however County of Diagnosis is a data item you should be able to record. Place of Birth may not typically be utilized in your individual facility, however it is valuable in larger databases such as NCDB for tracking adverse environmental impact such as Chernobyl, Three Mile Island incident and the recent nuclear plant disaster in Japan.

The county of diagnosis can be utilized by your administration to see what areas may be under served for early detection programs or even access to appropriate care for the disease. Be sure to check FORDS for rules on coding County at Diagnosis when patients have an unusual address such as military, prison or other residency peculiarities.

In the Diagnostic items, the facility below has 1 of 15 data items exceeding the NCDB benchmark. Date of Multiple Tumors was not a new data field in 2009. It appears as if this facility may not have realized that this data item should be recorded. A quick report from your registry software can be run to identify the cases that have a blank Date of Multiple Tumors so this can be corrected. You may want to check 2010 & 2011 cases also for this. Updating those cases in your database should be done to improve the quality of your data. The updates will get submitted to NCDB in January 2013 with the routine Call For Data. Checking your 2010 and later cases now will ensure that the next Completeness Report in 2013 has more favorable results.



In the Staging Items, the Clinical N measure which exceeds the NCDB benchmark is looking for the subcategories (a, b, c) which provide more specific information in staging.



Review your Completeness Report and address any area that is highlighted. This Completeness Report should be shared with your Cancer Committee and become a part of your Cancer Registry Quality Control Plan.

The revisions to cases can be done anytime before the January Call for Data. Depending on how many cases fall outside of the benchmark, begin now to plan for corrections and updates. Your registry software vendor may be able to help with global changes in some situations.

This is a great tool for assessing quality data collection in your registry.