

Wisconsin public health laws require hospitals, clinics and doctors' offices to report all cancer incidences to the state cancer registry. The state of Wisconsin reports this information to the Department of Public Health at a national level. The requirement of reporting the data is not in dispute. The question is:

## How do you ensure you are providing correct and compliant data?

## Answer these questions to determine if you are compliant:

- 1) Do you know what cancers are to be reported to your state cancer registry?
- 2) Do you know how to code diagnosis include site and cell type for reporting requirements?
- 3) Do you know how to apply CS evaluation codes to your cancer reporting?
- 4) Do you know what benign diseases are required to be reported?
- 5) Do you know when your cancer reporting is due?

If you answered "No" to any of the 5 questions, you may be out of compliance with your public health reporting laws and in jeopardy of penalties, as listed in Wisconsin legislation.

Whether you are a private practice, clinic, surgical center or hospital your reporting requirements for cancer are mandated by public health laws and consistent with Wisconsin's Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan, 2010-2015. It is critical to ensure your cancer reporting is timely, accurate and compliant with Wisconsin public health laws, so that:

- your contribution to reducing the burden of cancer in your community is demonstrated.
- you and/or your community receives the appropriate amount of Cancer Control and Prevention grants based upon your accurate incidence of cancer.
- no penalties will be assessed.

If you would like assistance determining if you are compliant, or in abstracting and efficiently coding the information that is required to be reported to your Wisconsin state cancer registry, please contact us. Our teams of experienced cancer registrars can help create a plan to become compliant and establish the processes and procedures to ensure consistent and accurate reporting.

Please contact us for a free initial discussion to gain a more complete understanding of how we may be able to assist you in this endeavor. Joyce L. Jones, CTR is one of 29 CoC trained consultants nation-wide and will personally assist in evaluating your status. Our experience in consulting engagements is guided by knowledgeable personnel who understand all the components necessary for a successful cancer program. E-mail Joyce at Joyce@ProRegistryServices.com or call us at (630) 556-3246.