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INTRODUCTION

The nationally recognized National Cancer Database (NCDB), jointly sponsored by the American College of Surgeons and the American Cancer Society, is a clinical oncology database sourced from hospital registry data that are collected from approximately 1,500 Commission on Cancer (CoC)-accredited facilities. NCDB data are used to analyze and track patients with malignant neoplastic diseases, their treatments, and outcomes. Data represent more than 72 percent of newly diagnosed cancer cases nationwide and more than 42 million historical records.

Online reporting tools are available to provide your facility with comparative benchmarks for similar facilities aggregated throughout your state, region, and across CoC-accredited facilities as a whole. Additional reporting tools provide quality-related performance measures in comparison with aggregated CoC-accredited facilities. Through comparison and evaluation, you can use these tools proactively to improve delivery and quality of care for cancer patients in your community and cancer facility.

Track and analyze data on all types of cancer to:

- Explore trends in cancer care
- Review benchmarks for CoC-accredited facilities
- Evaluate and compare the cancer care delivered to patients diagnosed and/or treated at your facility with accredited facilities at the state, regional, and national levels
- Determine patients lost from or referred to your cancer facility

Community Assessment

- Identify potential areas of outreach and areas for population screening for cancers by site, age group, and race/ethnicity
- Develop treatment practices to meet community needs
- Develop cancer prevention programs based on the community needs
- Provide information to address State Cancer Plan requests

Quality Improvement

- Identify survival rates by stage and disease site
- Assess past performance rates on quality measures
- Enhance coordination of care and completeness of data through the use of actionable alerts of anticipated adjuvant therapies
- Demonstrate accountable, evidence-based care
- Identify areas to focus quality improvement efforts

Cancer Facility Administration

- Use data to negotiate favorable reimbursement
- Identify areas to market programs through demographic variables that define sex, race/ethnicity, age group, and education level

There are seven NCDB tools

NCDB Hospital Comparison Benchmark Reports, NCDB Survival Reports, NCDB Rapid Cancer Reporting System, Cancer Quality Improvement Program, NCDB Completeness Reports, Site-by-Site Stage Distribution Reports, and Participant User Files.

NCDB HOSPITAL COMPARISON BENCHMARK REPORTS (HCBR)

This application provides end-users with descriptive reports for many types of cancers diagnosed within the last 10 years captured in the NCDB. These reports include summaries on patient demographics, treatment, and stage, which can be queried for your facility as well as all CoC-accredited facilities at the state, regional, or national levels. Stage is based on NCDB’s best stage, which represents a combination of American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) pathologic stage over clinical stage. This report may be accessed from the password-protected CoC Quality Portal (QPort).

How to Run a Report

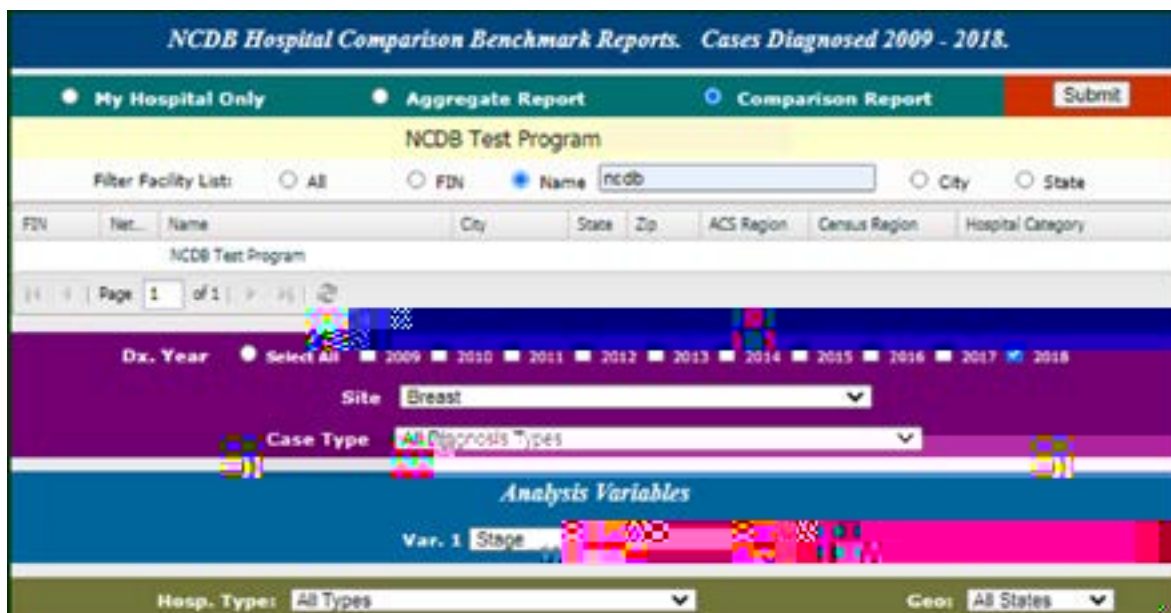
Select from the following options, and then click Submit:

Select view between My Hospital Only, Aggregate Report, or Comparison Report; for aggregation and comparison view, select between hospital type then between state, American Cancer Society region (West, North, South, North Central, Southeast, Northeast), or national

Restrict to diagnosis year and primary site of interest

Choose class of case to define the patient cohort for diagnosis and treatment

Determine which analysis variables and select up to three (select only one for Comparison Report)



Report Tips

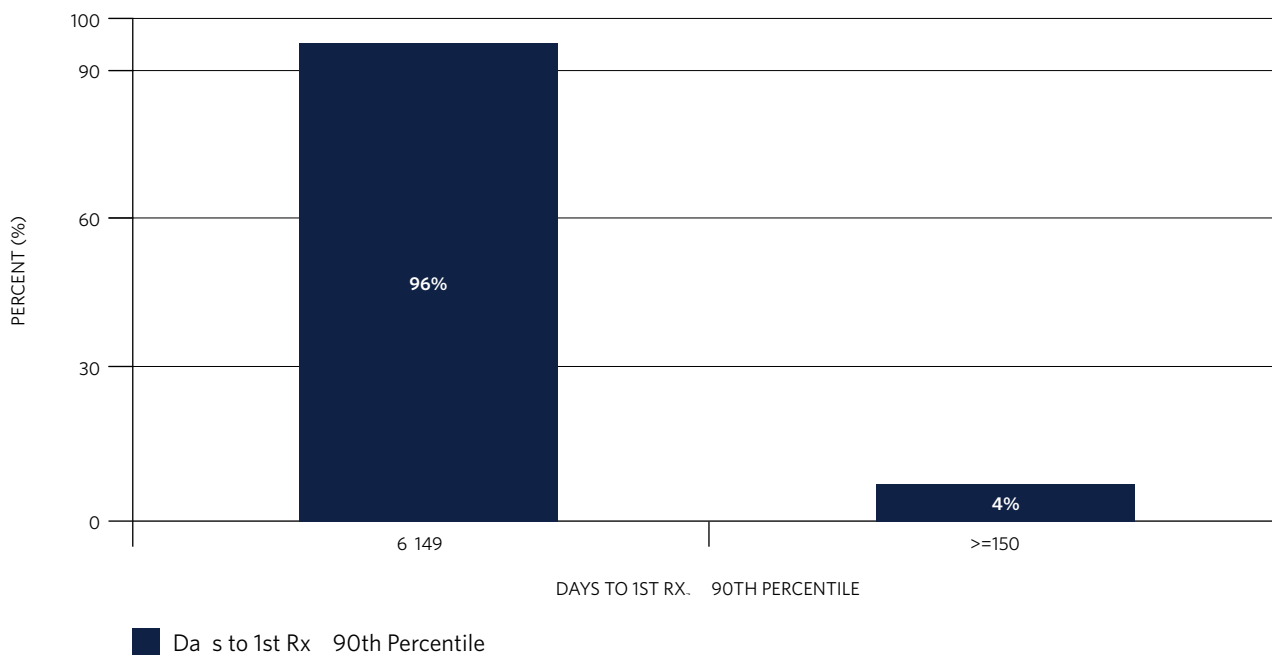
You have the option to show a chart, table, or export into a PDF or PowerPoint to use for a presentation

In this example, 96 percent of prostate cancer patients begin treatment within 149 days of their cancer diagnosis, and 4 percent wait at least 150 days before starting treatment.

NCDB Test Facility

Days to 1st Rx. 90th Percentile of Prostate Cancer Diagnosed in 2018.

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For More Information

Help links and data resources for this report are located on the left navigation panel within the report.

NCDB SURVIVAL REPORTS

This application calculates overall and unadjusted observed survival rates stratified by stage, sex, age group, or comorbidity score for all cancer sites. Stage is based on NCDB's best stage, which represents a combination of AJCC pathologic stage over clinical stage. It is accessed through the password-protected CoC QPort.

How to Run a Report

1. Check the boxes for disease site(s) of interest; one or multiple sites can be selected.
2. Check the box for the stage group(s) of interest.
3. Select the Diagnosis Years group; diagnosis years groups are based on corresponding AJCC edition.
4. Select Sequence Number of interest – patient's first and/or only cancer diagnosis.
5. Select Age of interest – all adults (18 years old) or older. Select Age of interest – all adults (18 years old) or older.

Report Usage

NCDB RAPID CANCER REPORTING SYSTEM (RCRS)

This application launched in September 2020 and is the source of both historical and real-time data used to assess quality measure performance. A case log report and alerts summaries assist registries with data quality reports and treatment follow-up. This report is located within the RCRS platform (acsdataplatform.com/login).

How to Run a Report

Select from the left navigation panel to access the following:

Report Usage

Videos in the RCRS Library include:

General Navigation

This video will cover the basics of RCRS, such as logging in and signing out and toggling between facilities if you have access to more than one CoC-accredited facility, and it provides the location of a quick link for easy access to the CoC QPort platform. Also reviewed in this video is the RCRS navigation panel to the left of the page, which includes a link to the Library where you will find useful documents such as the RCRS User's Guide, the Quality Measures Specifications, and the Latest Measure Release Updates, among others. The landing page or the home page for RCRS is the non-interactive Dashboard, which provides a snapshot of various measures and important notifications.

Quality Measure Report

This video provides a review of the facility's quality measures and explains that this report will initially load blank. For data to populate, Measures under the Summary Panel must be selected. In the table, green indicates that the measure met the CoC benchmark or 95 percent Confidence Interval. Red indicates that the facility did not meet the CoC benchmark or 95 percent Confidence Interval and that the cancer committee should discuss, formulate an action plan, and monitor for improvement.

Comparison Report

This video provides information regarding different quality measure performance rates, which can be compared by the facility with other CoC-accredited facilities at the facility category, national, Census division (East North Central, East South Central, Middle Atlantic, Mountain, New England, Pacific, South Atlantic, West North Central, West South Central), American Cancer Society region (West, North, South, North Central, Southeast, Northeast), or state levels. This report also loads blank, and selections must be made under the Summary Panel before data will populate. The various options available will be reviewed so the facility can customize reports specific to their needs and/or interests.

Access

For access to the RCRS platform, the user must be listed in a role in CoC QPort under CoC Manage Staff Contacts for each facility/FIN. Once updates are applicable, an e-mail will be sent from ACSTechsupport@iqvia.com with login and temporary password information.

This system requires a different log in from your CoC QPort login

Adding/changing of access in CoC Manage Staff Contacts must be performed at the program level

Users are only allowed one ID in CoC QPort and one e-mail address for all associated FINs/facilities

For any issues associated with RCRS login or password (reset), contact ACSTechsupport@iqvia.com

CANCER QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CQIP)

This PowerPoint report is issued annually and summarizes data from the HCBR, NCDB Survival Reports, and the RCRS. It also includes operative mortality and risk-adjusted survival reports.

Each CoC-accredited facility receives a report that can be used to conduct a retrospective review of the services provided. This information enables facilities to develop plans and programs to ensure that their cancer facility offers high-quality, patient-centered cancer services to prevent, screen, diagnose, treat, and monitor the population served. This report may be accessed from the password-protected CoC QPort.

Report Usage

In this example, there are no statistically significant differences between the 30- and 90-day mortality after non-small-cell lung resections for this facility compared with all CoC-accredited facilities.

NSCLS Resections, Unadjusted 30, 90 Day Mortality, 95% CI, 2016-2018

	My Facility		All CoC		CoC High Volume	
	30 Day	90 Day	30 Day	90 Day	30 Day	90 Day
Mortality Percent	0.5%	1.0%	1.7%	3.1%	1.6%	3.0%
95% CI	(0.0,2.3)	(0.2,3.1)	(1.6,1.8)	(3.0,3.2)	(1.6,1.7)	(2.9,3.2)
Deaths	1	2	1,369	2,474	1,244	2,266
Resections	208	203	80,293	78,830	75,754	74,374

*NA No resections, or < 30 or < 90 days of follow-up for alive patients

NCDB COMPLETENESS REPORTS

This application provides feedback to CoC-accredited facilities about submission of missing, unknown, or nonspecific information for NCDB-required data items.

The most recent diagnosis year is included in this report. Long-term follow-up is evaluated for the most recent diagnosis year minus five years. This report may be accessed from the password-protected CoC QPort.

There are two report types available. All sites include nine reports (Report and Case IDs, Patient, Diagnostic, Staging, Surgery, Radiation, Other Treatment, Short-Term Follow-Up, and Long-Term Follow-Up). These reports can be analyzed independently or all together depending on the tab viewed. Site-specific reports consist of nine tabs (Breast, Colon, Rectum, Stomach, Esophagus and EGJ, Lung, Cervical, Endometris (8 (eamis)nd E (T)10, Lu8 (e10.1 (GJ)

SITE BY STAGE DISTRIBUTION REPORTS

This application enables facilities to obtain an overview of the number of cases by primary site and sub-sites as well primary site by stage. Case-level details are also provided for each primary site and stage. This report may be accessed from the password-protected CoC QPort portal.

How to Run a Report

Select the facility of interest

In the left panel, Cancer Site, select the main grouping of disease site

In the main table, which consists of each sub-primary site by stage, select the cell in which you want to look for more specific details

Report Tips

At the bottom left of the page is a link for NCDB Primary Site-Histology Groupings, which defines the primary site codes and histology associated with each primary site

Case-level details can only be viewed within the live application, they cannot be viewed in exports

The primary site and sub-sites counts by stage can be exported as HTML, PDF, or Excel

PARTICIPANT USER FILES (PUF)

The PUF is a source of data that allows for researchers at CoC-accredited facilities to review and improve the quality of care delivered to cancer patients through analyses of cases reported to the NCDB.

This Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)-compliant database contains de-identified patient-level data that do not identify facilities, health care providers, or patients as agreed to in the Business Associate Agreement (BAA) that each CoC-accredited facility signs with the American College of Surgeons. The NCDB extends investigators at CoC-accredited facilities an opportunity to apply for a PUF year-round.

Researchers interested in utilizing NCDB PUF data should visit and review the contents on the PUF website (facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/ncdb/puf). The PUF website includes all information needed on how to complete an application, access the application, how to download the data and the data dictionary, as well as some additional resources to understand the data and how to use it.



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