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RE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR)–Cancer
         Surveillance System Data Submission

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize your central cancer registry as a **CDC NPCR Registry of Distinction.**

This achievement indicates that your central cancer registry met the CDC NPCR National Data Completeness and Quality Standard. Of the 50 central cancer registries supported by CDC, your jurisdiction is one of 43 who achieved this designation for the most recent data submission, indicating the high-quality data available for cancer prevention and control activities at the local, regional, and national levels. The table further below provides the criteria required to be recognized as meeting NPCR Standards. All standards are set at a level that is indicative of complete, timely, and quality data available for cancer control activities addressing the burden on U.S. population.

Meeting these standards also allows your registry's data to be included in this year's _U. S. Cancer Statistics_ (USCS) data products, including the USCS Data Visualizations tool and researcher public use databases. U.S. Cancer Statistics are the official federal statistics on cancer incidence from registries that have high-quality data and are supported by CDC's National Program of Cancer Registry and NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program.

The achievement of NPCR Standards exemplifies the progress achieved in creating a national system of cancer surveillance. We commend all who are involved in the collection, analysis, and reporting of cancer incidence and mortality data. Data can be used to plan and evaluate cancer control programs, conduct research, and monitor cancer trends. Each central cancer registry is crucial to the success of cancer surveillance in the United States. Many advances in cancer surveillance in the United States would have been impossible without the tireless efforts and many achievements of NPCR central cancer registries.

We are sending a certificate identifying your central cancer registry as a Registry of Distinction and seal, which can be used in presentations or on your website to reflect your achievement. Congratulations on receiving this well-deserved recognition and thank you for your commitment to high-quality cancer surveillance.

NPCR National Data Quality Standards

Standards	Percentage Case Completeness Adjusted for Duplicates	Unresolved Duplicates Rate (per 1,000)	Percentage Death Certificate Only Cases	Percentage Missing or Unknown Age	Percentage Missing or Unknown Sex	Percentage Missing or Unknown Race	Percentage Missing or Unknown County	Percentage Passing Core Single and Inter-field Edits
NPCR Advanced National Data Quality and Completeness Standard (previously 12-month standard)	90.00	<=2	N/A	<=3	<=3	<=5	<=3	>=97.00
NPCR National Data Quality and Completeness Standard (previously 24-month standard)	95.00	<=1	<=3	<=2	<=2	<=3	<=2	>=99.00
USCS Publication Standard	N/A	N/A	<=5	<=3	<=3	<=5	N/A	>=97.00

	Registry of Excellence*	Registry of Distinction	Registry for Surveillance
Standards Met	NPCR National Data Quality and Completeness NPCR Advanced National Data Quality and Completeness US Cancer Statistics Publication	NPCR National Data Quality and Completeness US Cancer Statistics Publication	US Cancer Statistics Publication

*Registry of Excellence recognition is suspended for the 2023 NPCR–CSS Submission as some registries continue to address COVID-19 pandemic impacts on registry operations.