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Enabling the California Cancer Registry to Measure and Improve Care

A Regional Registry Perspective

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California Cancer Registry

10 Regional Registries



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Regional Registry Structure

- 10 geographically defined regions of various population and area sizes with locally dedicated leadership
- Charged with ensuring complete and timely reporting in local area
- Collect identically structured information
- Combine all information into one statewide database

Regional Registries: Questions We Can and Can't Answer



- My family is Philippine-American. What kinds of cancer should we be concerned about?



- What kinds of cancer are most common?



- What is the typical survival for a particular kind of cancer?



- Is there an excess of cancer in my area?



- Patients: How does the quality of cancer care compare across providers in my area?



- Providers: How does our quality of care compare?

CCR & Regional Registries: Opportunities for New Partnerships

With detailed information already collected on every cancer in California for 25 years, we could:

1. **Support care providers with high-quality data to benchmark their results. Registries:**
 - Are intimately engaged with local providers in collecting complete cancer data
 - Can perform quality review of the data
 - Can provide local data for comparison
 - Are the only source of information about all cancer patients in the region

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2. **Develop measures to inform the public about sources of quality care**
 - Provide fair and meaningful information to inform the public while protecting patient privacy
 - Expand the information that is already available for many health indicators through the Office of the Patient Advocate

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3. **Model for the nation how the registry can be used to improve cancer care**
 - Share the methods with other states
 - Compare California results with other states
 - Work with many national organizations to improve overall cancer care

What Regional Registries Will Worry About

- Stay true to patient privacy
 - 27+ years of experience
- Continuing positive working relationships with providers to:
 - Engage from the start
 - Ensure high-quality data to measure care
 - Ensure measures that are fair, accurate, and of value

Our California Cancer Registry & Regional Registries Could...

- Provide the public with information about sources of quality cancer care
- Support care providers with quality benchmark data
- **Help Californians live longer and healthier lives**