

# NCRA Education Foundation Update

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The NCRA Education Foundation is a non-profit organization with the mission of supporting the advancement of the Cancer Registry profession through education and research. In recognition of our mission, the NCRA Education Foundation and NCRA have entered into a partnership to produce a recruitment package for use at Health Information Management (HIM) schools. The Foundation and NCRA have been engaged in new recruitment efforts targeting prospective new cancer registrars from the HIM schools. The availability of these materials will be effective tools for these recruitment efforts.

## RECRUITMENT INTO REGISTRY FIELD

The Foundation leadership team is working on instructor and student guides for their package of presentations designed to inform HIM students of the Cancer Registry career path.

The CD will include PowerPoint presentations on the cornerstones of a cancer program and how the cancer registrar plays an important role. They include:

1. Cancer Conferences
2. Cancer Committee
3. Cancer Registry
4. Quality Outcomes and Improvement Studies

The package also includes specific aspects of the cancer registry with presentations on:

1. Case Finding
2. Abstracting
3. Follow-up
4. Coding
5. Staging
6. Confidentiality and Release of Information
7. Data Submission

The goal is to encourage students to take college classes toward a profession as a cancer registrar as they finish their HIM studies.

The plan is to have the final product available for schools by July 2013 and also available on the NCRA and NCRA Education Foundation websites.

## WEBSITE

Want to learn more about the NCRA Education Foundation? Check out our website at [www.ncraeducationfoundation.org](http://www.ncraeducationfoundation.org) to learn more about the mission and purpose. There is also information regarding the responsibilities of the Foundation Committees.

## ACKNOWLEDGE SOMEONE SPECIAL

There is a distinctive way to memorialize or honor someone special. Donations to the Education Foundation can be made “in memory of” someone you have lost, or “in honor of” someone who is living. This can be an excellent tribute to family, co-workers, mentors and others having special meaning in our lives.

**The NCRA Education Foundation** team includes Directors Louise Schuman, MA, CTR, Vice Chair; Carol Hutchison, CTR, Treasurer; Shannon Hart, CTR, Secretary; Eileen Abate, CTR, Director; Sara Biese, RHIT, CTR, Director and Susan Koering, MEd, RHIA, CTR, Chair; also Sarah Burton, CTR, NCRA President (ex-officio member) and Lori Swain, MS, NCRA Executive Director. ●