

## Getting Started with Cancer Registry

### Casefinding

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## Objectives

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- Casefinding guidelines
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- Casefinding source documents
- Suspense file
- Quality control

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## What is Casefinding ?

- Locating all patients with a reportable cancer
- All registries and non-registries must perform casefinding audits

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## Casefinding Guidelines

- State guidelines
- ACoS guidelines
- Cancer committee guidelines

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## Casefinding Guidelines

ASCR guidelines

- ASCR reference date is January 1, 1996
- ASCR Reportable list

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## Casefinding Guidelines

ASCR guidelines

- Establish casefinding method
- Suspense system
- Monthly casefinding audits

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## Casefinding Guidelines

ACoS guidelines

- Reference date
- Reportable list
- Healthcare facilities who are COC approved
- Commission on Cancer (COC) reportable list
- Cancer committee

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## Casefinding Guidelines

- Important part of the cancer registry
- Form a system to identify reportable cancers
- Monitor casefinding completeness

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## Casefinding Method

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## Casefinding Method

- Active casefinding
- Passive casefinding

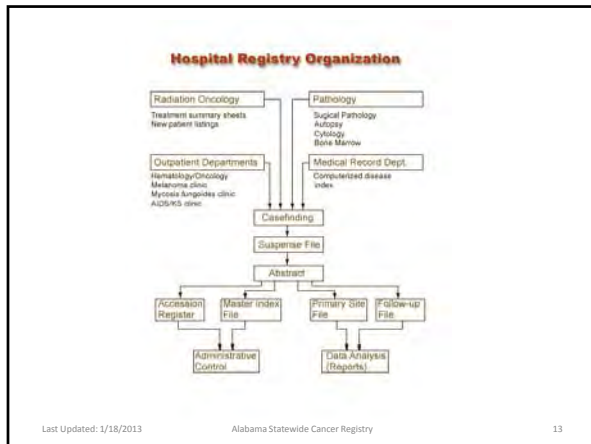
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## Casefinding Method

Active casefinding

- Establish relationships
- Registry personnel retrieve all source documents
- More thorough and accurate than passive casefinding

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## Casefinding Method

Passive casefinding

- Other departments notify the registrar of possible reportable cases
- Non-registry staff are not as familiar with reporting criteria and terminology

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## Source Documents

- Admission
- Discharge documents
- Disease indices
- Surgery schedule
- Pathology reports

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## Source Documents

- Cytology reports
- Nuclear medicine
- Radiation oncology logs
- Medical oncology logs
- Autopsy documents

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## Suspense File

- Relies on source documents
- Holds reportable cancers
- Maintained two ways

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## Suspense File

- Suspense file designed into computerized registry database
- Filling out brief identifying information on a paper abstract

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### Suspense file

ASCR suspense requirements

- The cases should be sorted and listed by date of diagnosis
- Cases should be processed in chronological order for ensuring timely state reporting

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### Suspense File

ASCR suspense requirements

- Administrative reports should be produced to assess timeliness of the abstracting process
- The abstracting must be performed six months from date of diagnosis

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### Suspense File

- ASCR suspense requirements
  - patient’s name
  - patient identifier
  - date of diagnosis
  - primary site

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### Quality Control

- Procedures must be implemented to ensure complete reporting of all reportable cases
- A monitoring log can help in this process but is not required

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### Casefinding log

Month	Number of Cases 2010	Number of Cases 2011
January	60	85
February	50	60
March	65	72
April	58	50
May	52	61
June	61	64
July	45	57
August	32	62
September	65	72
October	62	78
November	70	80
December	40	62

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### Casefinding log

	January	February	March	April	May
Disease index	53	57	61	55	53
Path reports	47	50	35	26	45
Radiation Onc	64	60	63	66	64
Medical Onc	78	69	74	58	43

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## Summary

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- Casefinding guidelines
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- Casefinding source documents
- Suspense file system
- Quality control

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