

2022 NPCR INDIANA SUCCESS STORY

Indiana State Cancer Registry; Sanjay Kumar

Overcoming Change

National Program of Cancer Registries SUCCESS STORY

SUMMARY

In late 2019, a new virus emerged acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2). By 2020 it converted into a global COVID-19 pandemic that is still impacting a lot of lives today, including negatively impacting hospital services resulting in slow down and backlog for cancer registry routine operations.

Indiana State Cancer Registry (ISCR) went through change of operations to protect and address mandate restrictions. We continued working remotely, supporting all our reporters to collect and submit data for our policy makers, researchers, health care professionals to make necessary decisions.

With the sincere efforts from our reporters and dedicated team, ISCR achieved Gold Standard from NAACCR for our annual submission in November 2021, and for the same year we were recognized by NPCR for our distinctive work. Adding more to our distinction, we achieved 96.6% data accuracy for the same submission through NPCR data quality evaluation (DQE). This achievement portrays the strength and sincerity among our cancer communities and demonstrates our success in overcoming the impact of COVID-19.

CHALLENGE

During the time of restrictions, data collection and quality was challenging to operate normally. It impacted the hospital setting for registry staff to report in a timely manner.

SOLUTION

ISCR utilized the available resources to ensure data collection continued. Normally, we collect data through SFTP for Indiana State data submissions, with the circumstances we used WebPlus (a CDC application) and OneDrive (onetime State issued) to collect data through different modes.

RESULTS

With the support from our IT division, we operated remotely and collaborative efforts from our reporters successfully collected the cancer data in due time. Alternative ways of data collection i.e., the use of WebPlus and OneDrive, were also useful and will be explored for future additional possibilities.

SUSTAINING SUCCESS

Information Technology has emerged as a big asset since the emergence of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. ISCR will always be looking for alternative ways to support cancer communities. Hence, we will always maximize resources to ensure we operate collaboratively utilizing what is available.

STORY QUOTE

“Success is based on teamwork.” – Sanjay Kumar, Cancer Surveillance Section Director

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