



To: CAHAN San Diego Participants
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Physician Requirements for Cancer Reporting in California

Recent media reports have described concerns about increased cancer cases in some neighborhoods of Carlsbad. As part of the response, the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) is working with the California Cancer Registry (CCR) to ensure that all recently diagnosed cancer cases are being reported in a timely fashion as required by law.

HHS is reminding all local healthcare providers to report cancer cases to the CCR as soon as possible and not longer than six months after the date of initial cancer diagnosis. This includes patients treated in hospitals, as well as outpatient, settings. For information on cancer reporting requirements, please download "Physician Requirements for Cancer Reporting in California" located at <http://www.ccrca.org/PDF-DSQC/Vol-IV-09.pdf>. A confidential cancer reporting form is included in this online document.

Since 1987, the CCR has required hospitals, physicians, and certain other health-care providers to report all new diagnoses of cancer. Confidentiality of data collected is strictly maintained in accordance with the California Health and Safety Code. Also in 1987, Congress declared May to be National Cancer Research Month. To mark this occasion, CCR has developed a list of accomplishments to promote this month, and highlighted surveillance and research conducted using CCR data over the past year. The CCR website is at <http://www.ccrca.org/>

For more information about the HHS response to cancer concerns in Carlsbad, please visit the following website: http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/phs/cancer_concerns_in_carlsbad/

Thank you for your continued participation.

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