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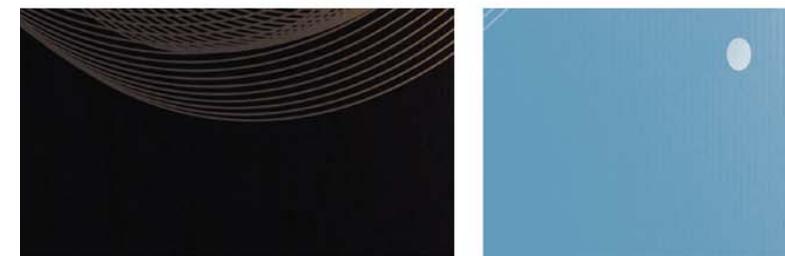
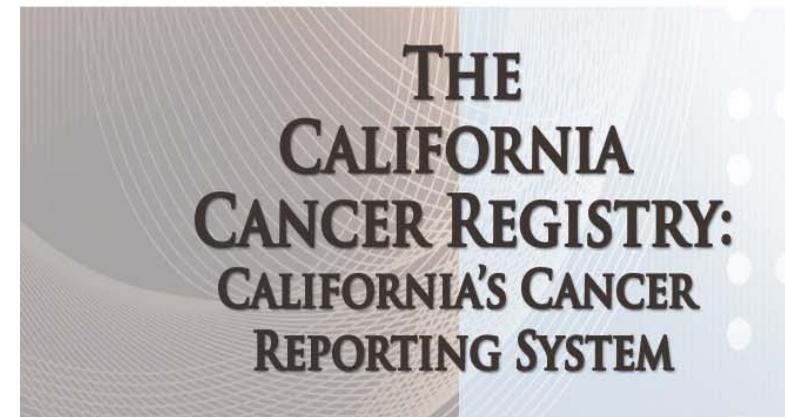
CALIFORNIA CANCER REGISTRY
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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The California Cancer Registry is
a collaborative effort between the
California Department of Public
Health, the Public Health Institute, and
the regional cancer registries.



WHAT IS THE CALIFORNIA CANCER REGISTRY (CCR)?

- ◆ The CCR is California's statewide cancer surveillance system.
- ◆ This system collects information on all* cancers and all benign brain tumors diagnosed among California residents.
- ◆ The mission of the CCR is to serve the public by collecting statewide cancer data, conducting surveillance and research into the causes, controls, and cures of cancer, and communicating the results to the public.

HOW DOES THE CCR WORK?

- ◆ In 1985, the California legislature passed a law making cancer a reportable disease.
- ◆ As of January 1, 1988, all* cancers diagnosed in California are reported to the CCR.
- ◆ As of January 1, 2001 all benign brain tumors diagnosed in California are also reported to the CCR.
- ◆ Doctors, hospitals, and other medical facilities collect data on cancer cases and report this information to the CCR.
- ◆ The CCR collates these data, performs many phases of quality control, and analyzes the data on a statewide basis.

* The CCR does not collect data on non-melanoma skin cancers and carcinoma in-situ of the cervix.

WHY IS THE CCR NECESSARY?

- ◆ Cancers are common.
 - ▶ Nearly one out of two Californians will be diagnosed with a cancer at some point in their lives.
 - ▶ One in four Californians will die of a cancer.
 - ▶ About 142,000 new cancer cases and 54,000 cancer deaths occur in California each year.
- ◆ Cancer data helps us understand the causes of cancers and how to prevent and treat cancers.

WHOM DOES THE CCR BENEFIT?

- ◆ The CCR advances the health of all Californians by contributing knowledge and data for cancer control research and practice efforts.
- ◆ Many individuals and groups in California and beyond benefit from the CCR:
 - ▶ the public;
 - ▶ cancer patients and their families;
 - ▶ hospitals/health centers;
 - ▶ health professionals;
 - ▶ researchers; and
 - ▶ local and state health departments.

HOW ARE CCR DATA USED?

CCR data are used to:

- ◆ monitor the number of new cancer cases and cancer deaths over time;
- ◆ examine disparities in cancer risk, treatment, and survival;
- ◆ examine treatment choices and other predictors of survival;
- ◆ measure the success of cancer screening programs;
- ◆ respond to public concerns and questions about cancer; and
- ◆ conduct research to find the causes and cures of cancer.

Researchers have used CCR data to:

- ◆ analyze geographic, racial/ethnic, and occupational differences in cancer risk;
- ◆ evaluate the quality of medical care received by cancer patients; and
- ◆ examine patient survival with respect to cancer type, extent of disease, demographic characteristics, and other important factors.

WHAT HAS THE CCR ACCOMPLISHED?

The CCR:

- ◆ is internationally recognized for its high quality data;
- ◆ receives major grants to investigate the causes, prevention, and cures of cancer;
- ◆ brings millions of research dollars to California;
- ◆ provides information on cancer rates among the state's diverse race/ethnicity groups;
- ◆ publishes special reports on many cancer types; and
- ◆ provides the public access to state, regional, and county level cancer incidence and mortality rates plus interactive maps via the internet at www.ccrca.org.