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North Dakota Statewide Cancer Registry Receives Award

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health’s Statewide Cancer Registry has received the Gold Standard Certification award for the sixth consecutive year from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR).

The NAACCR has established gold- and silver-standard criteria to recognize population-based cancer registries that achieve excellence in the following areas: completeness of information, data accuracy and timeliness of data submissions. Registry certification ensures that North Dakota’s data will be available for publication and various national research studies.

“I commend the Statewide Cancer Registry staff for their excellent service to the people of North Dakota,” said Governor John Hoeven. “Through the work of the Cancer Registry, North Dakota citizens are informed about the incidence of cancer in the state and can be assured that the data collected is complete and accurate.”

The North Dakota Statewide Cancer Registry (NDSCR), which began cancer data collection in January 1997, supports cancer control by targeting, monitoring and evaluating programs that promote early detection, diagnosis and treatment to reduce the burden of cancer in the state. As a statewide population-based registry, the NDCR provides the data for research related to cancer-control activities in the state.

The NDCR was one of 45 registries from the United States and Canada to receive the Gold Standard Certification.

“To achieve the Gold Standard Certification, missing or unknown data items must be less than 2 percent,” said Marlys Knell, Statewide Cancer Registry program director. “The rate for the NDSCR was 0 percent. This award recognizes the quality of information collected by the Statewide Cancer Registry.”

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