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Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry Advisory Committee Meeting

07/14/2016

VICCR - Why an Advisory Committee

- ▶ As part of the National Program of Cancer Registries Program standards...

X. Collaborative Relationships

- a. The central cancer registry actively collaborates and participates in the state's Management, Leadership, and Coordination (Component 1 of DP12-1205) activities to enhance the state's comprehensive cancer control planning efforts.
- b. The central cancer registry establishes a working relationship with other cancer control programs, including screening programs and tobacco control programs, to assess and implement cancer control activities.
- c. The central cancer registry establishes and regularly convenes an advisory committee to assist in building consensus, cooperation, and planning for the registry and to enhance chronic disease program coordination and collaboration.

Representation should include key organizations and individuals both within (e.g. representatives from all cancer prevention and control components and chronic disease program) and outside the program (e.g. hospital cancer registrars, the American Cancer Society, American College of Surgeons liaison, clinical-laboratory personnel, pathologists, and clinicians). Advisory committees may be structured to meet the needs of the state/territory such as the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program committee structure, an advocacy group, or a focus group.

VICCR Progress

- ▶ Remote access to hospitals in the Territory
 - ▶ Juan F. Luis Hospital - St. Croix
 - ▶ Schneider Regional Medical Center - St. Thomas / St. John
 - ▶ Roy Lester Schneider Hospital
 - ▶ Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute
 - ▶ Myrah Keating Community Clinic
- ▶ Off-island Pathology Labs Support - starting in January 2016, four off-island pathology laboratories have been submitting positive VI residents' reports to the VICCR on a monthly basis.
- ▶ SPAN Technology Solutions, Inc. contract signed.
 - ▶ Contract will provide configuration, installation, and IT Support for Registry Plus, a software suite provided by the Centers for Disease Control and designed specifically for Central Cancer Registry Operations.

VICCR Progress

- ▶ A Casefinding Database Application was developed in-house
 - ▶ Basic purpose is to automatically identifying potentially reportable cases from hospital Electronic Health Record (EHR) software. The application eases and shortens the period of identifying these cases by using the discharge diagnosis coded in the EHR system of the Territory's hospitals.
- ▶ Casefinding process started
 - ▶ Casefinding is the systematic process of identifying all cases that are eligible to be included in the VICCR Database. This process entails the review of the medical records of all the potentially reportable cases identified by the Casefinding Database Application. At this time, 20% of the expected incidence have been identified.
- ▶ Partial abstracting of reportable cases started
 - ▶ Abstracting is the process of collecting and recording pertinent cancer data from a health record. This process also serves as a test phase for the information that is being collected.

VICCR Progress

- ▶ VICCR Webpage

- ▶ VICCR webpage was developed to provide cancer registry information to the healthcare providers as well as general public. The website includes links to access the physician's reporting form and hospice care center's reporting form. It also includes contact information for VICCR personnel. The site can be accessed at the following address:

<http://www.healthvi.org/programs/chronic-disease/cancer-registry.html>

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Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry

About the Program

In 1999, territorial law established the Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry to collect and analyze data on incident cases diagnosed in the USVI Territory. Data shall be collected through active reporting from hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers, free-standing cancer treatment centers, pathology laboratories, nursing homes and, physicians shall report their cases to the Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry. All other states in the U.S. have similar cancer registries.

Reporting Forms and Related Downloads

-  [Physicians' Offices Cancer Reporting Form and Instructions](#)
-  [Hospice Care Centers Cancer Reporting Form](#)
-  [Physician's Office Reporting Booklet](#)
-  [Hospice Care Reporting Booklet](#)

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry?

The Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry has several purposes:

- To collect the data used to monitor and assess overall cancer incidence and trends in the territory, which in turn may be used by public health professionals for program development and evaluation
- To provide information for community assessment of environmental and occupational hazards
- To provide data for cancer research and epidemiological studies.

Why is the Department of Health Cancer Registry is called "Central" Cancer Registry?

The word "central" is used because the Department of Health receives all cancer cases diagnosed and/or treated in the Territory. If any other cancer registry is formulated, they must report their cases to our "Central" Cancer Registry.

How information is collected?

The Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry currently collects information from several sources: hospitals in St. Thomas and St. Croix, pathology laboratories (in island & off island), hospice care centers, ambulatory surgery centers, free-standing chemotherapy clinics and, physicians. The Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry also has agreements with other state central cancer registries to obtain information on USVI residents who are diagnosed with or receive treatment for cancer in these states.

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VICCR - NOW!!!

- ▶ Face to face contact with physicians and their staff to assist with data collection
- ▶ Scheduling appointments to help in the backlog of the cases diagnosed since January thru June 2016.
- ▶ Training and education provided to the health care providers

VICCR - Cancer Registry Act

- ▶ Territorial Cancer Registry Act: A bill to repeal and reenact title 19 Virgin Islands Code, chapter 47 relating to the Virgin Islands Central Cancer Registry Program submitted to the legislature for review.
- ▶ Office of Senator Almando Liburd has been facilitating the amendment of the law. The amendments were necessary for our laws to be inline with the national standards for cancer registries.
- ▶ Standard setter organizations for cancer registries are:
 - ▶ North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR)
 - ▶ National Program of Cancer Registries (CDC - NPCR)
 - ▶ World Health Organization (WHO)
 - ▶ American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC)

VICCR Project Challenges

- ▶ Lack of resources after implementation phase: standardized processes will take place continuously year after year. In order, for this to happen there must be a Certified Tumor Registrar in place, and operational costs factored into the Government's Budget.
- ▶ Hiring process of permanent staff
- ▶ Identification of funding for additional staff

VICCR Challenge Resolutions

- ▶ Certified Tumor Registrar approval received from Commissioner and Governor; Waiting for NOPA to be processed.
- ▶ Position funding for cancer registry abstractor requested in VIDOH supplemental budget
- ▶ Operational cost request will be submitted for the next budget period

VICCR - Future Plans

- ▶ Test Phase - After awarding a contract for IT support, installation and configuration on the system, a test phase is required to assure the proper performance of all hardware and software components of the VICCR.
- ▶ Identify funding for the operational costs of VICCR.
- ▶ Create instructional manuals once the software is in place.
- ▶ Creation of Cancer Control Plan

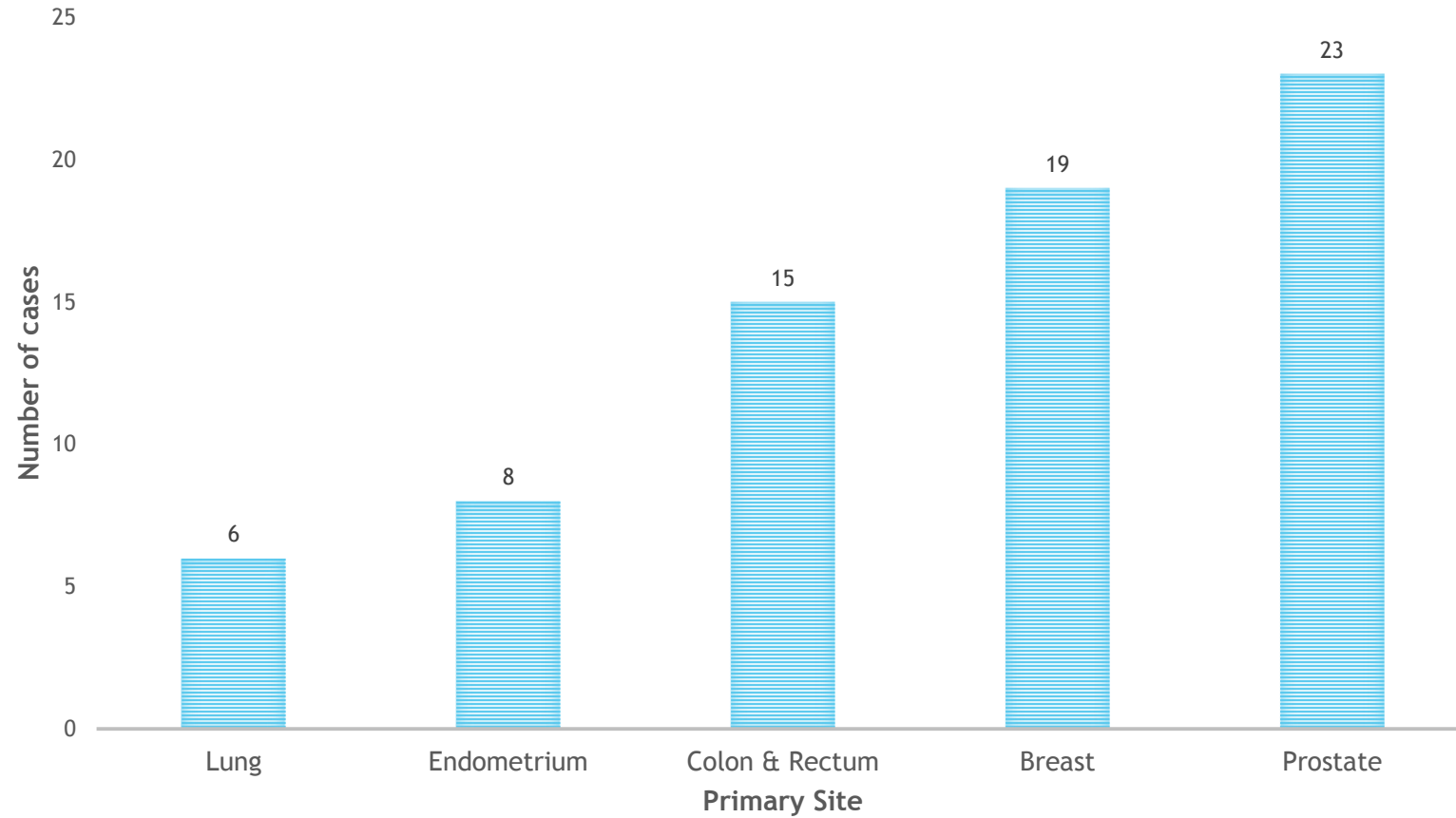
Numbers of reportable cases

- ▶ Identified: 109 cases (22% of expected incident cases for 2016)
- ▶ Cases identified from:
 - ▶ Juan F. Luis Hospital
 - ▶ Schneider Regional Medical Center
 - ▶ Roy Lester Schneider Hospital
 - ▶ Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute
 - ▶ Myrah Keating Community Clinic
 - ▶ Metamark Genetics (pathology lab for prostate bx)

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The data provided in this presentation is for the sole purpose of showing the Advisory Committee the progress of collected data. This data is not official and shall not be shared.

MOST COMMON CANCER PRIMARY SITES IN THE VI (JANUARY 2016 - MAY 2016)



Information retrieved from collected data
















- ▶ 31.2% of identified cases have medical hx of hypertension
- ▶ 9% of identified cases have medical hx of diabetes
- ▶ Insurance Status:
 - ▶ 49/109 - Medicare pts
 - ▶ 26/109 - Unknown insurance status
 - ▶ 20/109 - Private (PPO) insurance
 - ▶ 11/109 - Medicaid pts
 - ▶ 03/109 - Non insured
- ▶ 5 cases are from non-VI residents
- ▶ 29 cases from St. Croix
- ▶ <6 cases from St. John
- ▶ 65 cases from St. Thomas

VICCR Advisory Committee Task!

- ▶ TO CREATE A TERRITORIAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CONTROL PLAN!!!
 - ▶ According to the CDC:
 - ❖ Comprehensive cancer control (CCC) plans identify how an organization or coalition addresses the burden of cancer in its geographic area. The plans are specific to each region and based on data collected about people living there. They take the strategies that have worked, either in that region or in a similar place, and make them into a blueprint for action.
 - ❖ Plans are typically renewed every five years. During the fifth year, the plans are revised using different criteria.

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- ▶ Set date and time for the next meeting