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## How to Navigate the National Cancer Data Base Tools: A Primer

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## Learning Objectives

After participating in this presentation you will:

- Know where to go to get NCDB information about your cancer program
- Be able to determine which NCDB application to use to answer common questions
- Recognize how to use the NCDB applications to get information about your cancer program

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## What is CoC Datalinks?

- CoC Datalinks is a central repository for maintaining CoC-accredited cancer program data and information
- CoC Datalinks is password-protected and enables programs to access, provide, and utilize facility-specific information

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### Who are Datalinks Users?

These designated cancer program staff are automatically granted access to CoC Datalinks:

- Cancer Registrars
- Cancer Committee Chairs
- **Cancer Liaison Physicians**
- Cancer Program Administrators

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### Datalinks User ID and Password

- A unique User ID and Password is assigned and e-mailed to that user
- For security purposes and to protect facility data, User IDs and Passwords are not to be shared
- Datalinks usage is tracked through the User ID and Password

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### CoC Datalinks Includes

- Facility and Staff Contact Information
- HIPAA Business Associate Agreement
- Facility Information Profile System (FIPS)
- Survey Application Record (SAR)
- NCDB Data Transmission
- NCDB Hospital Comparison Benchmark Reports
- NCDB Survival Reports
- Cancer Program Practice Profile Reports (CP<sup>3</sup>R)

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## NCDB Tools for the Cancer Liaison Physician

Use the tools to understand:

- the demographics of your patients
- how your cancer program compares up to other similar cancer programs
- differences in cancer survival in patients seen in your facility and other cancer programs
- your cancer programs adherence to evidence-based quality performance measures

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## CLP Primary Responsibility

The primary responsibility of the Cancer Liaison Physician is to monitor and interpret their facility's performance using NCDB data and employ the information to evaluate and improve quality of care in the cancer program.

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## Finding the correct NCDB application to use

[www.facs.org/cancer](http://www.facs.org/cancer)
[CoCDatalinks@facs.org](mailto:CoCDatalinks@facs.org)





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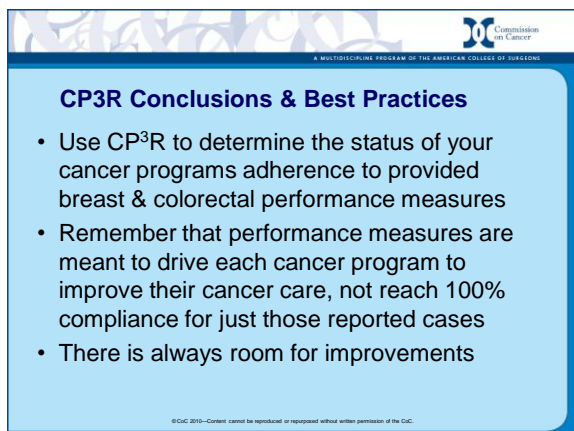
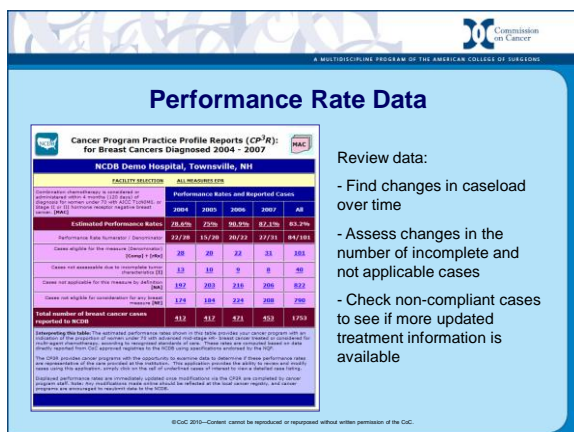
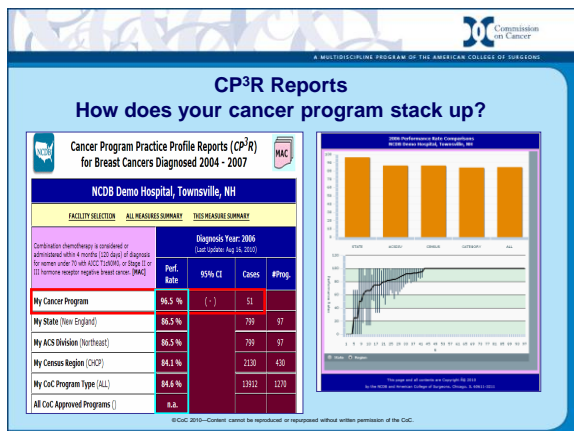
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### Conclusions

- The NCDB has developed multiple applications for your use
- Before determining which application to use first determine what information you need to answer your question and what data sources you will need
- You should now be able to find and use NCDB tools and know which applications answer important questions for your cancer program

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