

**Q&A Session for National Death Index Webinar**  
**Part 1**  
**6/29/2010**

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Q: How current is NDI?

A: The latest year covers deaths that occurred in 2007. The 2008 deaths will be added sometime this fall, around September or October. Please note, for the CONCORD-2 study, you only need to link from your reference year (1995+) through 2007 deaths.

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Q: Will the presentations be available for viewers?

A: Yes. The recording will be posted on the NAACCR Website

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Q: Why is the charge more for a known dead than for an unknown vital status?

A: The policy is established by NAPHSIS, the National Association for Public Health Statistics and Information Systems. Please note, there is no charge to cancer registries to link with NDI and obtain cause of death information. You can send as many records as you want. Both CDC and NCI pay a flat fee to NCHS for registries to obtain these services.

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Q: Can you talk more about SSDI? You said it was similar to the Genealogy or RootsWeb sites. Where do I find more information about SSDI?

A: The Social Security Death Index is a file of deaths of people who were beneficiaries of the Social Security Administration and so had received social security payments. While it is possible to access these data on a single-name query basis on some public web sites like Genealogy or RootsWeb, these sites are not secure and there is always a possibility that the information you obtains from these queries might be intercepted. CDC provides a secure online query system for these data at <https://www.npcrcss.org/ssdi/login.cfm>. A user ID and password are required for access.

For batch linkages to the SSDI, CDC purchases quarterly updates and makes these files available to all cancer registries. You can access the aggregate files through the NPCR-CSS document server. (<https://www.npcrcss.org/docserver/start.cfm?system=utilities>) You can find more information on the NDI page. We have also created an input file for Link Plus to facilitate the linkages between the SSDI files and your cancer registry database file.