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Dear NAACCR Members,

The NAACCR Research and Data Use Steering Committee invites you to submit incident cancer cases for the NAACCR 2026 Annual Call for Data (CFD). This year's CFD submission files will include diagnosis years 1995 through 2024 plus 2025 cases for evaluation. Data submissions are used for cancer statistics, registry-specific data quality and methods evaluation, and registry-approved CiNA research projects and activities.

The NAACCR CFD is the backbone of [Cancer in North America \(CiNA\)](#) statistics and other data products. Submissions from all central cancer registries in the United States and Canada ensure we have standardized and reliable data that are critical to understand the burden of cancer in our communities.

NAACCR Certification assessment is part of the Annual Call for Data. Cancer registries that meet the NAACCR Certification requirements achieve the highest NAACCR standard for complete, accurate, and timely data to calculate standard incidence statistics. Achieving NAACCR certification and Fitness for Use in Survival/Prevalence is a considerable accomplishment and represents months of diligent effort to ensure the quality and reliability of North American cancer data.

The submission deadline is midnight EST on Tuesday, December 1, 2026, for the data files, forms, and supporting documentation.

- **All data must be submitted** using the NAACCR Record Layout, Version 26, in .xml file format.
- **All variables must conform** to NAACCR standard definitions and codes, as described in Version 26 of the NAACCR *Data Standards and Data Dictionary* available here: <https://apps.naaccr.org/data-dictionary/data-dictionary/version=26/chapter-view/>.
- **Match*Pro is required** to complete the submission process. *Match*Pro is an application designed by the cancer registry community to conduct probabilistic record linkage. Match*Pro is used for patient and tumor-level deduplication.*
- **NAACCR*Prep is required** to complete the submission process for all registries not using SEER*DMS. *NAACCR*Prep streamlines the submission and derives a variety of required variables, enhances race and ethnicity, and strips confidential data used to derive these variables before creating a final submission file.*

In addition, NAACCR is requesting registries:

- Complete all Data Use Agreements (DUAs) and annual consents for use of CiNA data in DocuSign.
- Include 2025 cases in the submission file—evaluating the 12-month cases assists our delay reporting as well as gives an early look at any potential issues or emerging trends.
- Review and/or complete the Cancer Registry Information (CaRI) database. *CaRI is a centralized resource for researchers interested in using registry data.*

For US registries only, NAACCR is also requesting:

- Create a VPR-CLS file—even for states not currently participating in VPR linkages. This year, the VPR-CLS file is due December 31, 2026.

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- For registries participating in the NCCR, submit the NCCR file. Note: *Detailed instructions for both the VPR-CLS and NCCR files will be posted on the Call for Data landing page.*
- Provide census tract, and the associated geocoding quality fields, for a special dataset, CiNA Geographic. At this time, CiNA Geographic is under development, and this dataset will only be used for evaluation and methods development by NAACCR. The DAA fully describes our security protocols when handling census tract, and all other, CiNA data. As is our established policy, no tract-level data will ever be released without specific consent from the registry.

Materials and instructions for the NAACCR Call for Data are posted on the NAACCR website <https://www.naacr.org/call-for-data/>. The Call for Data Portal will be open for submissions on November 1, 2026.

We recognize that last year's U.S. federal shutdown created challenges for cancer registry Call for Data activities. NAACCR and our federal partners remain committed to supporting registries and strengthening continuity planning for Call for Data activities, building on lessons learned from last year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen L. Knight". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and last name "Knight" clearly distinguishable.

Karen L. Knight, MS
Executive Director, NAACCR