

Dear Cancer Liaison Physicians:

I hope the year is going well for you and you are enjoying the summer.

Please save the dates and register for these upcoming events:

- [CLP Virtual Meeting: September 16](#)
- [CoC Annual Plenary Session, September 26, Washington, DC](#)

The following are a few recent updates that I hope you'll find useful in your role as the CLP for your program.

NCDB Updates

- The National Cancer Database® (NCDB®) has released the 2024 Participant User File (PUF), which provides investigators at CoC-accredited programs access to data from 2004–2024. Consult the data dictionary for field definitions and visit the NCDB website for additional PUF resources. Contact ncdb_puf@facs.org for more information or questions.
- The NCDB has also released the 2025 Cancer Quality Improvement Program (CQIP) report. CQIP is a data-driven cancer QI initiative, focused on processes and outcomes. This annual report provides short-term quality and outcome data, as well as long-term outcome data, including five-year survival rates for commonly treated malignancies stratified by stage. CQIP allows programs to assess their quality and outcomes based on the data submitted to the NCDB. CoC-accredited programs can access this report through [QPort](#). A complete CQIP slide directory is available in the “About CQIP” tab of the CQIP reporting application.
- The Submission Compliance Report is a new view in the Rapid Cancer Reporting System Submission Compliance Report. The new monthly view tracks submissions made monthly for all new and resubmitted cases, regardless of diagnosis year. It also tracks the average number of days between a new case's date of first contact and the first date of submission for that case.

CoC Seeks CLP Feedback for Operative Standards Study

The AESOP study is a 5-year, multi-institutional initiative funded by the National Cancer Institute. The AESOP team is evaluating how the CoC Operative Standards are implemented and their impact on cancer care. Each month, the CLPs at programs undergoing site visits will receive a survey link from REDCap@facs.org. CLPs are asked to complete the 10-to-15-minute survey within 2 weeks of receiving the email. In appreciation for their time, CLPs will receive a \$50 gift card upon completion of the survey. Contact AESOP@facs.org with questions. Learn more about the AESOP study in the [Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons](#).

Sign Up For Small Group QI Coaching Calls

Would you like to discuss your program's QI initiative or learn what other programs are working on? [Register to join](#) a small group of accredited programs and QI experts to:

- Receive feedback on current initiatives
- Explore ideas for future projects
- Learn about available tools and common challenges

These sessions are interactive and conversational. Participants are encouraged to come prepared with a question, challenge, or project. Attendance is limited to approximately 20 participants per session.

Contact cancerqi@facs.org with any questions.

CoC Standard 4.2 Oncology Nursing Credentials FAQ Updated

Updated frequently asked questions (FAQ) for CoC Standard 4.2: Oncology Nursing Credentials are now available in the Standards Resource Library in QPort. The added questions, based on feedback received during a [recent webinar](#), provide guidance regarding:

- Nurses who are required to meet this standard
- Certifications that meet the requirements of this standard, including clarification on the Oncology Nurse Navigator–Certified Generalist credential
- Timeframes for the cancer committee review/evaluation
- Competency assessments

Submit questions to the [CAnswer Forum](#).

American Cancer Society Offers New Resources

- The [American Cancer Society healthcare professional webpage](#) offers easy access to resources that support both care teams and patients. The new site brings together evidence-based guidelines, patient education materials and resources, research data, collaboration opportunities, events, and advocacy to support clinical practices and professional development.
- Following the recent release of the American Cancer Society's revised [colorectal cancer screening guideline](#), updated educational materials are available, including an [easy to read booklet](#) and [fact sheet](#). The new guideline, published in ACS' flagship journal, [CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians](#), reflects the latest science, new cancer screening technologies, and a focus on expanding screening options to lower barrier to access.