

REPORT OF CANCER REGISTRY ACTIVITY SEPTEMBER 2008

The cancer registry of the Division of Hematology Oncology as a newly accredited cancer program, accredited in August 2006, by the American College of Surgeons, (ACoS), Commission on Cancer, (CoC), has been working diligently in developing and implementing the various recommendations made by our surveyor, in addition to monitoring and fulfilling the required standards, and staying up to date with new standards for an approved cancer program. Our first Audit with the ACoS, CoC, post initial accreditation is scheduled for next year. Our Cancer Committee is working in unison as we prepare for this very important survey.

For the second consecutive year the Cancer Registry Program of the Division of Hematology Oncology was awarded with the Florida Cancer Data Systems (FCDS), Jean Byers Memorial Award for Excellence in Cancer Registration. In January of 2007, our facility was awarded with the 2006 Jean Byers Award for Excellence in Cancer Registration for the 2004 data.

In 2007, one hundred and thirty seven (137) cases were reported to the state (FCDS). One hundred and thirty one (131) were analytic cases; these were cases that were diagnosed and/or treated at Miami Children's Hospital, and six (6) were Non-analytic cases, those initially treated elsewhere and referred to Miami Children's Hospital for recurrence or subsequent treatment. In comparison to 2006 we observed an increase of 16.1% in reportable malignancies.

Miami Children's Hospital's top five analytic cancer sites for 2007 are Brain and Central Nervous System 38.2% (50 cases), Leukemia 19.8% (26 cases), Hodgkin's Lymphoma 9.2% (12 cases), 3.1% Thyroid (4 cases) and 3.1% Kidney (4 cases).

Patient follow-up continues on an ongoing basis on all eligible patients in the tumor registry database. As of September 19, 2008, the current follow-up rate of our patients is 85.87% the target rate is 80%.

A multidisciplinary Cancer Conference is held weekly on Wednesday to provide consultative services to cancer patients with a total of 246 cases presented for the 2007 calendar year. Eighty-nine percent (89%) of the cases were prospective and eleven percent (11%) retrospective.

Member(s) of the registry and the Cancer Committee participated in a workshop in Rosemont, IL, titled "Be Exceptional: Optimize Your Team's Approach to Cancer Care". This was an exciting workshop, with its focus on the following topics:

- Revitalize your cancer committee
- Strengthen the critical components of your cancer program
- Develop data-driven decision-making skills
- Create an action plan to get your team ready to deliver exceptional cancer care.

The participants are looking forward to implementing the many resourceful recommendations that were shared which we are sure will further strengthen our cancer program.