

Please save the dates and watch for additional information coming soon regarding these upcoming events:

CLP Virtual Meeting: Wednesday, October 9, 4:30 to 5:30 pm CT

Don't miss the next national CLP meeting, where we'll review the latest updates from the CoC, including important news and information relevant to your role as your Cancer Program's CLP. An invitation will be sent to you in early August.

CoC Meetings: Saturday, October 19, San Francisco, CA

These meetings, held in conjunction with the American College of Surgeons Clinical Congress 2024 in San Francisco, CA, are scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, October 19. CoC events will include a luncheon, Plenary Session, and reception.

ACS Cancer Programs Conference: March 12-14, 2025, in Phoenix, AZ

ACS Cancer Programs is excited to announce the continuation of a [multi-day educational conference](#) catering to a wide range of specialties. More information about the conference, including content relevant for CLPs, will be coming soon.

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

Tips for Developing the Patient List for the Medical Record Review

The Site Visit Instructions and Agenda provide practical information on what happens before, during, and after the accreditation site visit. This resource outlines programs' responsibilities with time frames to help with site visit preparation. In addition, a dedicated section focuses on the medical record review process, including development of the patient list. The instructions have been updated to indicate how to identify medical records for review when cases have not yet been abstracted. It's important that the patient list be complete with all the cases identified in the instructions. Additional notes regarding the status of the case are not necessary. If the site reviewer subsequently chooses a record that will not be appropriate for review, programs should inform the site reviewer so he or she may randomly choose another record from the list. The Site Visit Instructions and Agenda for all ACS Cancer Programs accreditation programs can be accessed in the Resources section of the [Quality Portal \(QPort\)](#).

STORE v2024 Updates Now Available

An updated version of the 2024 Standards for Oncology Registry Entry (STORE) manual has been released and posted to the [Call for Data webpage](#) under Registry Manuals. This includes the updated scenarios for melanoma cases in Appendix M. Contact NCDB@facs.org with any questions. More information on STORE Version 2025 will be available soon.

Cancer Programs Announces NCI Grant Award

A research team, led by co-Principal Investigators **Lesly Dossett, MD, MPH, FACS** (University of Michigan) and **Daniel Boffa, MD, FACS** (Yale University), was recently awarded R01 funding by the National Cancer Institute for their study entitled, "Implementation and Effectiveness of the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Operative Standards Program." Dr. Dossett and Dr. Boffa will be joined by co-investigators **Ronald Weigel, MD, FACS**, Medical Director of ACS Cancer Programs, and **Judy Boughey, MD, FACS**, Chair of Breast and Melanoma Surgical Oncology at the Mayo Clinic. Working in collaboration with the ACS, this five-year grant aims to 1) evaluate the implementation of the CoC Operative Standards across cancer and hospital types, 2) access guideline and organizational level barriers and

facilitators of program implementation, and 3) evaluate the impact of the CoC operative standards program on short-term cancer outcomes.

CoC Hosts Annual Spring Meeting

The CoC hosted its annual spring meeting in Chicago on May 9. Approximately 90 members, representing the ACS Fellowship and CoC Member Organizations attended. CoC Chair **Timothy Mullett, MD, MBA, FACS**, opened the meeting with a discussion of CoC expansion opportunities in US rural regions and internationally. Speakers also provided updates on national quality improvement programs, health equity resources, and National Cancer Database initiatives.

June Bulletin Features Launch of AJCC Staging Online

For more than 60 years, the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) has set the standard for validating, revising, refining, and publishing TNM (tumor, node, metastasis) staging information in cancer patients around the world. As reported in the June issue of the [*Bulletin of the American College of Surgeons*](#), the AJCC is taking a significant step into the future by offering a new, convenient subscription service with the launch of [AJCC Staging Online](#). For [\\$49.99 per year](#), individual subscribers gain unrestricted access to AJCC Cancer Staging Online. This valuable resource—which has evolved from past manuals and now incorporates annual updates to select cancers based on scientific evidence—is useful to all healthcare professionals, including surgeons, pathologists, medical oncologists, radiologists, cancer registrars, and anyone working with cancer patient care and documentation

Download New Surgical Quality Partner Marketing Resources

New marketing resources are available for programs accredited by the CoC, National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC), and the National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer (NAPRC). These accredited programs have earned the distinction of an ACS Surgical Quality Partner (SQP). Through the [ACS Power of Quality campaign](#), the SQP Store provides everything an accredited program needs to announce a new accreditation or promote an existing accreditation, including a full suite of digital marketing and communications materials along with SQP plaques. We encourage you to share your CoC, NAPBC, and NAPRC status widely on your website and in your marketing materials.

To download the free marketing materials, log into the [SQP Store](#) using the same username and login used for the QPort. Once logged in, select your program under "Program Materials" in the top menu. The grey "Download" button on the page will begin an automatic download of a zip folder to your computer.

Thank you for all you do as your cancer program's CLP to improve the quality of care for cancer patients. Please contact your State Chair with any questions about the CoC or your program's accreditation.