

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Cancer Case Reporting
Fact Sheet for Public Health Reporting
For more information, contact the Tennessee Cancer Registry

The Tennessee Cancer Registry (TCR), located within the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH), was established in 1983 as a statewide, population-based cancer surveillance system. The TCR has programmatic oversight of cancer case reporting activities across the state and collects information about all newly diagnosed cancers in Tennessee residents (except in situ cervical cancer, and basal and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin). This information is used to monitor and evaluate cancer incidence patterns in Tennessee. Additionally, this information is used to better understand cancer, identify areas in need of public health interventions, and to improve cancer prevention, treatment, and control.

Tennessee law mandates reporting of new cancer cases from hospitals, ambulatory surgery treatment centers, pathology laboratories and other health care providers. The TCR is able to receive cancer case reporting from ambulatory providers participating in the Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs. Public health reporting by ambulatory providers will provide expanded treatment information for cases and help identify cancer cases treated outside of the traditional hospital setting.

Only providers (i.e., individual medical specialists) who directly diagnose or treat 25 cancer patients in a calendar year and use EHR software that meets the *Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology 2015 Certified EHR Technology criteria for transmission to cancer registries may attest to the cancer case reporting incentive measures. The TCR is currently prioritizing electronic submission of cancer data from eligible clinicians with the following physician specialties: dermatology, urology, gastroenterology, hematology, medical oncology, radiation oncology, surgical oncology, and gynecologic oncology. If you are interested in public health registry reporting in Tennessee, please visit: <https://tn.gov/health/topic/meaningful-use-summary>.

****In order to participate in Cancer Case Reporting your EHR product must be certified for the 2015 Edition cancer reporting criteria. Please, follow the directions below to ensure your EHR product meets these criteria.***

The list of certified products from ambulatory vendors can be found in the ONC’s Health Information Technology [Certified Health IT Product List](#).

1. Enter the name of your EHR product in the search box
2. Click on the blue box to the right of the search box labeled ‘*Certification Edition*’ and select ‘2015’
3. Navigate to the specific version of your EHR product and select ‘*Details*’
4. In the Certification Criteria table verify your EHR product has the following certification criteria:
 - a. ‘**170.315(f)(4)**’ – Ambulatory Setting Only – Transmission to Cancer Registries (2015 Edition)

Transport

| Method | Description |
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| SFTP | Internet standard for point-to-point interactive or “batched” secure file transfer |

For more information about reporting cancer cases electronically in Tennessee, please contact: The Tennessee Cancer Registry at (615) 741-5548 or toll-free at 1-800-547-3558 or email us at TNCancer.Registry@tn.gov.

If you are interested in more information regarding other Public Health Reporting options, please visit: <https://tn.gov/health/topic/meaningful-use-summary> or contact the TDH Partner Engagement Coordinator at MU.Health@tn.gov.