

Paulette Zinkann, CTR, Installed as President of the National Cancer Registrars Association

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Alexandria, VA, May 22, 2019— Paulette Zinkann, CTR, was installed as the president of the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) at its Annual Educational Conference in Denver, CO, on May 22, 2019. NCRA is a non-profit organization that represents 6,000 cancer registry professionals. Cancer registrars are data information specialists that capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S. The data provide essential information to researchers, healthcare providers, and public health officials to better monitor and advance cancer treatments, conduct research, and improve cancer prevention and screening programs. In her role as president, Zinkann will represent the organization at regional and national meetings and support its mission to promote education, credentialing, and advocacy for cancer registry professionals.

Paulette Zinkann has a well-established career in cancer registry management and earned her Certified Tumor Registrar (CTR) credential in 1998. She is the Director of the Cancer Registry Management (CRM) Program at Andrew College in Cuthbert, GA. Zinkann was instrumental in establishing this new program that provides training and mentoring for candidates interested in joining the cancer registry profession. She believes education is the cornerstone of a career in the cancer registry and as she begins her one-year tenure as NCRA president, Zinkann plans to champion formal education opportunities to ensure candidates taking the CTR exam are well-prepared and knowledgeable. She hopes to work with other CRM Program Directors throughout the U.S. as well as the NCRA education-related committees and staff to provide the best learning opportunities for students.

Prior to focusing her work on the education of cancer registrars, Zinkann was the Cancer Team Lead at Inova Health Care in both Loudoun and Mount Vernon hospitals in Virginia where she was responsible for guiding Oncology and Breast Committee meetings, preparing for breast survey, and implementing quality assurance measures. Zinkann also served as the Oncology Data Manager at Eastside Medical Center in Snellville, GA, where she was the sole cancer registrar for a 600+ cancer case hospital. Her work at Eastside included abstracting, patient follow-up, case finding, managing the Oncology and Breast Committees, and leading cancer conferences. Zinkann also developed a highly successful lung cancer screening program.

Zinkann believes involvement in state and national associations provides registrars with professional development opportunities, and her career embodies this belief. Zinkann has been an active member of the Georgia Tumor Registrars Association since 2003, where she served as both President and Secretary and currently serves as its Bylaws Chair. Zinkann has been a member of NCRA for over 20 years and has volunteered throughout that time, including serving on the Board of Directors and as Ethics Chair, Education Director, and Formal Education Committee Chair. She has spoken at numerous NCRA annual conferences and as served as the lead trainer on live webinars. Zinkann has also written articles for *The Connection*, NCRA's member newsletter, and co-edited articles for industry publications. In her tenure as president, she would like to see more NCRA members become involved in the association, noting that there are so many learning and leadership opportunities made available through volunteer work for both the novice and seasoned cancer registrar.

In addition to promoting education and professional development opportunities in the coming year, Zinkann will also focus implementing NCRA's new Strategic Management Plan and seek ways to empower and advance cancer registry professionals through strategic partnerships and national advocacy.

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About the National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA)

NCRA is a non-profit organization that represents more than 6,000 cancer registry professionals and Certified Tumor Registrars. The mission of NCRA is to promote education, credentialing, and advocacy for cancer registry professionals. Cancer registrars are data information specialists that capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S. The data provide essential information to researchers, healthcare providers, and public health officials to better monitor and advance cancer treatments, conduct research, and improve cancer prevention and screening programs. For more information about NCRA, visit www.ncra-usa.org and www.CancerRegistryEducation.org.