

## What is a cancer registrar?

A cancer registrar is a health information practitioner who has graduated from a two-year health information management program. Graduates of the program typically challenge the national exam through the Canadian Health Information Management Association in order to receive certification. Cancer registrars will also have an additional one to two years of training in a cancer registry department.

Cancer registrars can also achieve certification with the National Cancer Registrars Association.



## About the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency

The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency provides leadership in cancer control for Saskatchewan people by:

- Providing quality cancer treatment for men, women and children.
- Conducting groundbreaking research leading to improved treatment and prevention.
- Operating prevention, screening and early detection programs.

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Saskatchewan is home to one of the world's oldest cancer registries. This population-based registry contains cancer data on residents of the province. The Saskatchewan Cancer Registry has departments at the Allan Blair Cancer Centre in Regina and the Saskatoon Cancer Centre.

### What is a cancer registry?

A cancer registry is an information system designed for the collection, management and analysis of data for all residents diagnosed with cancer within a specific geographical area.

All Canadian provinces and territories have cancer registries, where information is collected according to national and international coding rules.



### How is the information used?

The Saskatchewan Cancer Registry provides data to healthcare providers, researchers and health regions in support of cancer research projects, to monitor cancer trends, and to plan appropriate cancer control strategies, such as early detection programs.

The data is sent to the Canadian Cancer Registry in Ottawa and stored in a Statistics Canada central database. It is also sent to the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries and the World Health Organization for inclusion in their publications.

### How is the information collected?

Cancer information is reported to cancer registries through other healthcare facilities or providers that diagnose or treat cancer cases. These include hospitals, pathology laboratories, cancer treatment centres, ambulatory surgical treatment centres, and healthcare practitioners.



### What information is collected?

Information in the Saskatchewan Cancer Registry includes demographics (age, gender, birthplace, residence), the type of cancer and how it was diagnosed and treated, as well as follow-up and death information.

### How is personal information protected?

All individuals with access to health information are bound by *The Health Information Protection Act (HIPA)* and have signed confidentiality agreements. The Saskatchewan Cancer Agency also has administrative procedures and technical and physical security in place to protect information from unauthorized use or access.

