



Ohio Cancer Incidence Surveillance System (OCISS) Modernization and Synchronization

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is seeking to expand its authority to engage non-ODH resources and expertise by forming partnerships with state universities.



Research institutions have the capacity and are equipped with better research tools to allow for enhanced assessments of data. A partnership with a state university will elevate the accuracy and prompt data quality.

By allowing us to add a request for proposal (RFP- or an application for contract) in statute, we will be able to benefit Ohio by providing:

- Access to broad expertise to collaborate on comprehensive research and cancer control studies
- Improve tumor records through the use of data and predictive modeling techniques
- Workforce development to train certified tumor registrars
- A more accurate and complete registry
- Enhanced public release of surveillance reports
- Increase access to patients for clinical trials through rapid case ascertainment and potentially patient consulting

Ohio is 1 of 46 certified cancer registries in the US

The North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, Inc. (NAACCR) certifies cancer registries based on the quality and completeness of their data.

Forging new partnerships will help the Ohio Department of Health's OCISS program to achieve Gold Level Certification with the North American Association of Central Registers.

ODH is currently at the Silver Level.

