



MONTANA
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Dermatology Reporting Requirements in Montana

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Summary

Cancer became a reportable disease in Montana in 1979. Montana Law requires hospitals, independent pathology labs, and physicians to report cancer cases to the Montana Central Tumor Registry (MCTR). This valuable resource enables Montanans to know the incidence trends of cancer in Montana. The primary objective of the MCTR is to analyze the incidence, mortality, survival, and the changing frequency of cancer in Montana residents.

Beginning with patients diagnosed in 2010, physicians are required to initiate a cancer report as soon as possible but not longer than 6 months after a cancer diagnosis.

Statistically, cases reported solely from physicians may represent 3-5% of all cancer cases in the statewide cancer registry. Certain specialties may represent a higher amount of missed cases such as urology (prostate cases), dermatology (melanoma), and hematology (lymphoma and leukemia) that may be diagnosed and not treated (watchful waiting) or diagnosed and treated entirely in the physician's office.

Hospitals still have the primary responsibility for reporting cancer information. However, since an increasing number of people with cancer are not hospitalized at the time of diagnosis, a supplemental reporting mechanism is essential to assure that the data accurately reflect the incidence of cancer in Montana.

Physicians must report cancers and tumors described in the Required Cases section below. Physicians must report diagnoses for those patients who do not undergo diagnostic procedures or treatment of their cancers or tumors at a hospital or pathology lab licensed in Montana.

Montana law does not require written or verbal patient consent to report, and specifically exempts reporters from any legal action or damages from meeting their legal obligation to report cancer cases or to provide access to those patient's medical records.

HIPAA Information

The Health Information Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) does not change or affect the mandate for reporting cancer in Montana. The MCTR is considered a Public Health Authority and disclosure of protected health information to the MCTR is permitted by HIPAA without a patient's signed consent. Please contact the MCTR for documentation regarding HIPAA legislation information, if needed.

Confidentiality

Confidentiality of data collected is strictly maintained in accordance with Montana Law 50-15-704 and Federal Law PL 104-191.

Information about individual patients is never released to unauthorized persons or agencies, and safeguards have been established throughout the reporting system to maintain confidentiality.

Required Dermatologic Cases

Type	Description														
Reportable Diagnoses	<p>The following malignant and in situ neoplasms of the skin (C44) are reportable to the MCTR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8720 Melanoma, NOS 8720/2 Melanoma in situ 8720/2 Early/Evolving melanoma in situ (reportable for diagnosis 1/1/2021 and after) 8720/3 Nevoid melanoma 8720/3 Early/Evolving invasive melanoma (reportable for diagnosis 1/1/2021 and after) 8744/3 Acral melanoma/acral lentiginous melanoma, malignant 87303 Amelanotic melanoma 8722/3 Balloon cell melanoma 8745/3 Desmoplastic melanoma/desmoplastic melanoma, amelanotic/neurotropic melanoma, malignant 8771/3 Epithelioid cell melanoma 8742/2 Lentigo maligna/Hutchinson melanotic freckle 8742/3 Lentigo maligna melanoma/Melanoma in Hutchinson melanotic freckle 8743/3 Low cumulative sun damage melanoma/superficial spreading melanoma 8780/3 Melanoma arising in a blue nevus 8761/3 Malignant melanoma arising in giant congenital nevus/malignant melanoma in giant pigmented nevus 8741/3 Malignant melanoma in a precancerous melanosis 8723/3 Malignant melanoma, regressing 8770/3 Malignant Spitz tumor/mixed epithelioid and spindle cell melanoma 8721/3 Nodular melanoma 8772/3 Spindle cell melanoma 8773/3 Spindle cell melanoma, type A 8774/3 Spindle cell melanoma, type B 8800/3 Sarcoma 8810/3 Fibrosarcoma 8832/3 Dermatofibrosarcoma 8850/3 Liposarcoma 8890/3 Leiomyosarcoma 9140/3 Kaposi Sarcoma 9591/3 Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma 9650/3 Hodgkin Lymphoma 9680/3 Diffuse Large B-Cell Lymphoma 9700/3 Mycosis Fungoides 9709/3 Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma 														
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Exceptions (not reportable)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC) or Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC) of skin (C44. _) with histologies 8000-8005, 8010-8046, 8050-8084, 8090-8110 unless of the labia, vagina, vulva, clitoris, penis, scrotum, prepuce, and anus 2. Patients with a history of malignancy who are clinically free of disease when seen at your facility 3. Patients diagnosed with a probable carcinoma and subsequently <u>ruled out</u> (see list of Ambiguous Terms) <i>Example:</i> A patient was diagnosed with probable lung carcinoma in June 2020 and a biopsy performed in July 2020 revealed no evidence of cancer. 4. Patients who receive transient care to avoid interrupting a course of therapy started elsewhere <i>Example:</i> A patient who lives in Idaho is visiting and receives scheduled chemotherapy started in Idaho. 5. Out-of-state patients with a history of or evidence of cancer who are not receiving cancer treatment or are seen for an unrelated medical condition 6. Genetic findings in the absence of pathologic or clinical evidence of reportable disease are indicative of risk only and do not constitute a diagnosis 								
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List of Reportable ICD-10-CM Codes

ICD-10-CM Code	Description
C00._ - C43._, C4A._, C45._ - C96._	Malignant neoplasms Includes: BCC and SCC of the <u>labia (C51.0-C51.1)</u> , <u>vagina (C52.9)</u> , <u>vulva (C51.9)</u> , <u>clitoris (C51.2)</u> , <u>penis (C60.1-C60.9)</u> , <u>scrotum (C63.2)</u> , <u>prepuce (C60.0)</u> , and <u>anus (C21.0)</u>
C49.A-	Gastrointestinal Stromal Tumors
C7A._	Malignant carcinoid tumors
C84.A_	Cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
C84.Z_	Other mature T/NK-cell lymphoma
C91.A_	Mature B-cell leukemia Burkitt-type
C91.Z_	Other lymphoid leukemia
C92.A_	Acute myeloid leukemia with multi-lineage dysplasia
C92.Z_	Other myeloid leukemia
C93.Z_	Other monocytic leukemia
C96.2_	Malignant mast cell neoplasms
C96.A_	Histiocytic sarcoma
C96.Z_	Other specified malignant neoplasm of lymphoid, hematopoietic, and related tissue
D00._ - D09._	In situ neoplasms Note: Carcinoma in-situ of the cervix (CIS), intraepithelial neoplasia grade III (8077/2) of the cervix (CIN III), prostate (PIN III), vulva (VIN III), vagina (VAIN III), anus (AIN III), and (LIN III) larynx are reportable
D18.02	Hemangioma of intracranial structures and any site
D3Aa._	Carcinoid tumors (any behavior) and neuroendocrine tumor (malignant only)
D32._	Benign neoplasms of meninges (cerebral, spinal and unspecified)
D33._	Benign neoplasm of brain and other parts of central nervous system
D35.2 - D35.4	Benign neoplasm of pituitary gland, craniopharyngeal duct and pineal body
D42._, D43._	Neoplasm of uncertain or unknown behavior or meninges, brain, CNS
D44.3 - D44.5	Neoplasm of uncertain or unknown behavior of pituitary gland, craniopharyngeal duct and pineal gland
D45	Polycythemia vera (9950/3) Note: Excludes familial polycythemia (C75.0), secondary polycythemia (D75.1)
D46._	Myelodysplastic syndromes (9980, 9982/ 9983, 9985, 9986, 9989, 9991, 9992)
D47._	Myeloproliferative diseases (9931, 9740, 9741, 9742, 9960, 9961, 9962, 9963, 9965, 9966, 9967, 9970, 9971, 9975, 9987)
D47.Z1	Post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorder (PTLD)
D47.3	Essential (hemorrhagic) thrombocythemia (9962/3) Includes: essential thrombocytosis, idiopathic hemorrhagic thrombocythemia
D49.6, D49.7	Neoplasms of unspecified behavior of brain, endocrine glands and other CNS
J91.0	Malignant pleural effusion
R18.0	Malignant ascites
R85.614	Cytologic evidence of malignancy on smear of anus
R87.614	Cytologic evidence of malignancy on smear of cervix
R87.624	Cytologic evidence of malignancy on smear of vagina
Z51.0	Encounter for antineoplastic radiation therapy
Z51.1_	Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy and immunotherapy

Reporting Instructions

To report a diagnosis, please complete the Dermatology Cancer Reporting Form and mail or fax to the MCTR. The MCTR fax is secure and only accessible to registry staff. This form is also available on the MCTR website at www.cancer.mt.gov. A separate form is required for each primary cancer or tumor. For example, if the patient is diagnosed with a melanoma and a cutaneous lymphoma, a form must be submitted for each diagnosis.

Reports should be sent in monthly and not less often than every three months. Send completed forms (with supplemental reports) to the Montana Central Tumor Registry, PO Box 202952, 1400 Broadway, C317, Helena, MT 59620 or securely fax the form to (406) 444-6557.

Please complete the form as accurately and completely as possible.

Determining Multiple Primaries for Melanoma

For melanoma, different (or multiple) primary cancers are determined if:

- Melanomas in sites with ICD-O-3 **topography** codes that are **different** at the second (Cxxx), third (Cxxx) or fourth (C44x) character are multiple primaries.
- Melanomas with **different laterality** are multiple primaries.
 - **Note:** A **midline** melanoma is a different laterality than right or left.
 - **Example 1:** Melanoma of the right side of the chest and melanoma at midline of the chest are different laterality, multiple primaries.
 - **Example 2:** A melanoma of the right side of the chest and a melanoma of the left side of the chest are multiple primaries.
- Melanomas with ICD-O-3 **histology** codes that are **different** at the first (Xxxx), second (xXxx) or third number (xxXx) are multiple primaries.
- An **invasive** melanoma that occurs **more than 60 days** after an **in situ** melanoma is a multiple primary.
 - **Note 1:** The purpose of this rule is to ensure that the case is counted as an **incident** (invasive) case when incidence data are analyzed.
 - **Note 2:** Abstract as multiple primaries even if the medical record/physician states it is recurrence or progression of disease.
- Melanomas diagnosed **more than 60 days** apart are multiple primaries.

Reporting Physician Information

Reporting Facility, Physician, and Address: Record the name of the clinic and the complete name and address of the physician reporting this case.

Physician Phone: Record the physician's phone number.

Physician NPI #: Record the physician's NPI number.

Date Form Completed: Record the date this form is completed.

Form Completed By: Record the full name of the person completing the form.

Patient Information

Full name, Maiden, and Alias of Patient: Record all known information.

Name of Spouse/Parent: Record the patient's spouse, if married, or parent, if a child.

Social Security Number: Record the patient's social security number. Do not record a spouse's number. **If you only know the last 4 digits of the SSN, please record that.**

Date of Birth: Record in MM/DD/YYYY format.

Age: Record the patient's age at diagnosis.

Referred From: Record where or who the patient was referred from.

Referred To: Record where the patient is referred to. If the patient was referred out of state for treatment, note what state.

Race: Check the patient's race: White, American Indian, Black, Asian, Unknown, Other. If the patient is anything other than the check boxes offer, please make notation under boxes. Check all boxes that apply.

Hispanic Ethnicity: Check Yes, No, or Unknown if the patient is of Hispanic descent.

Sex: Check male or female. If the patient is transgender, record gender at birth or document details in the Physical Evaluation box.

Marital Status: Check Single, Married, Divorced, Widowed, Separated, or Unknown at time of diagnosis.

Place of Birth: Record the patient's place of birth, if known.

Physical Address; No & Street, City, County, State, Zip Code: Record the permanent *physical* address of residence at the time of diagnosis; not a temporary relocation home for treatment. Street address takes priority over post office box number.

Telephone Number: Record the patient's phone number.

Tobacco History: Check Never, Cigarette, Pipe, Chew, e-Cig, Vape, Liquid, Previous Use, or Unknown for patient's tobacco history.

Alcohol History: Check Yes, No, Previous, or Unknown for patient's alcohol history.

Primary Payer: Record the patient's primary payer or insurance at time of diagnosis.

Usual Occupation: Record the patient's usual occupation or work performed during most of the patient's life prior to the diagnosis of cancer. If usual occupation is not known, record the patient's current or most recent occupation or any known occupation.

Usual Industry: Record the primary type of activity carried on by the business or industry where the patient was employed for most of his/her life prior to the diagnosis of cancer.

Cancer Information

Date of Initial Diagnosis: Record in MM/DD/YYYY format. The date of diagnosis refers to the first diagnosis of this tumor by any recognized medical practitioner. Usually, the date of biopsy is the date of diagnosis. If unknown, record "unknown". If diagnosed elsewhere, record the facility name and location.

Primary Site: Record the site of origin of the tumor. It is important to identify the primary site and not a metastatic site. Record the sub-site if known. Example: upper right shoulder.

Laterality: Check Right, Left, Midline, or Unknown of primary site.

Other Primary Tumors: If the patient has a history of cancer, record the type and date when they were diagnosed. For example, type Prostate ca, Dec 2005. Exclude non-reportable types of cancers such as BCC Skin and SCC Skin since they are not reportable or counted.

Physical Findings: Describe physical findings that led to diagnosis or determined staging and treatment. Describe the dates and results from scopes, x-rays, scans, lab tests, and physical evaluations. This could include size, color, and shape of the tumor.

Pathology (Histology and Grade): Attach copies of all pathology and surgical reports, if available. Document results from cytology or histopathology reports. Include the date of the procedure,

type of specimen, extent of tumor spread, involvement of margins, information from second opinions, name of procedure, and results. Record the histology of the primary tumor. Report the final pathologic diagnosis. **Include the final path/surgical reports even if there is no evidence of tumor remaining.**

Size of Tumor: Describe the largest dimension of the diameter of the primary tumor in millimeters (this is not the size of the excision). Record size from the pathology report first, if available; otherwise, use the size from imaging or physical exam. Record the size as stated for purely in-situ tumors. If both in-situ and invasive tumor is present, record the size of the invasive component, even if it is smaller. Do not add pieces or chips together to create a whole.

Lymph Node Involvement: Record the number of regional lymph nodes examined by the pathologist and found to contain metastasis. Record the number of lymph nodes examined by the pathologist.

Summary Stage at Diagnosis: Stage describes the extent of disease.

In-situ: Tumor has not progressed through the basement membrane of the organ involved.

Local: Tumor is limited to the site of origin; progressed through the basement membrane but not beyond the walls of the organ involved.

Regional DE: Direct extension to adjacent organs or tissues only.

Regional LN: Involvement of regional lymph nodes only. Check both Regional DE and Regional LN if both are applicable.

Distant: Tumor has direct extension beyond adjacent organs or tissues, or metastases to distant sites or distant nodes. If the stage is distant at diagnosis, use the “describe” section to record distant sites.

Unknown: No information is available to determine extent of disease.

AJCC Staging: record Clinical or Pathological T, N, M, and Stage Group, when available.

For Melanoma: Record the Breslow Tumor Thickness (in millimeters), Ulceration, **VGP**, Clark’s Level, Mitotic Rate, and **Regression**.

Treatment Information

The first course of treatment includes all methods of treatment recorded in the treatment plan and administered to the patient before disease progression or recurrence. “No therapy” is a treatment option that occurs if the patient refuses treatment, the family or guardian refuses treatment, the patient dies before treatment starts, or the physician recommends no treatment.

Surgery: Record the date(s) and the type of surgical procedure(s). Be specific regarding incisional and excisional biopsies. Record reason if surgery is not done.

Other Therapy: Record date systemic therapy (chemotherapy, hormone therapy, immunotherapy, or biological response modifiers) began. Document the agents and where systemic therapy was given. Record reason if systemic therapy is not done.

Status

Date of Last Contact or Death: Record the date last seen or date of death in MM/DD/YYYY format.

Vital Status: Record the patient’s vital status at date last seen.

Cancer Status: This refers to the patient’s cancer status of this cancer at the date the patient was last known to be alive or dead.

Physicians: List additional physicians who will be treating or re-examining the patient for cancer.

DERMATOLOGY CANCER REPORTING FORM

Form TR-003
Revised 05/2021

Reporting Physician and Address	Physician Phone	Date Form Completed	
	Physician License or NPI #	Form Completed By	

Name of Patient	Last	First	Middle	Maiden	Alias	Name of Spouse/Parent
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Social Security Number	Date of Birth	Age	Referred From	Referred To
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Race <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Am. Ind <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Unk <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Hispanic Ethnicity <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk	Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Marital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Div <input type="checkbox"/> Widow <input type="checkbox"/> Sep <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
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Physical Address	No & Street	City	County	State	Place of Birth
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Telephone Number	Tobacco History <input type="checkbox"/> Never <input type="checkbox"/> Cigarette <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe <input type="checkbox"/> Chew <input type="checkbox"/> e-Cig, Vape, Liquid <input type="checkbox"/> Previous Use <input type="checkbox"/> Unk	Alcohol History <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Previous <input type="checkbox"/> Unk
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Primary Payer	Usual Occupation	Usual Industry
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Date of Initial Diagnosis	Primary Site	Laterality <input type="checkbox"/> Not Paired <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Unk	Other Primary Tumors
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<u>Physical Findings (physical evaluation, x-ray, scans, scopes)</u> <u>Pathology (Histology and Grade) (attach copies of all related pathology reports)</u> <u>Size of Tumor</u> <u>Lymph Node Involvement (include number of lymph nodes excised and number positive)</u> <u>For Melanoma</u> Depth of Invasion (Breslow's) in mm: _____ Ulceration: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No VGP: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Clarks Level: <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV Mitotic Rate: _____ Regression: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<u>Summary Staging</u> <input type="checkbox"/> In-situ <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/> Regional DE* <input type="checkbox"/> Regional LN* <input type="checkbox"/> Distant* <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown * Describe: _____ <u>AJCC Staging</u> Clinical T _____ N _____ M _____ Stage _____ Pathological T _____ N _____ M _____ Stage _____
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<u>Surgery (check all that apply and provide date)</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Shave Biopsy: Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wide Excision: Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Punch Biopsy: Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Re-Excision: Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Excision/Excisional Biopsy: Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Wide Re-Excision: Date _____ <input type="checkbox"/> MOHS: Date _____	<u>Other Therapy</u> Describe any other non-surgical treatment given _____ Date Started _____
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<u>Status</u> Date of Last Contact or Death _____ Vital Status <input type="checkbox"/> Alive <input type="checkbox"/> Dead Cancer Status <input type="checkbox"/> No Evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<u>Physicians</u> Surgeon _____ Following _____ Other _____
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Please submit supporting text/documentation (e.g., pathology reports, radiology findings, pre-operative H&P, etc), to verify diagnosis, staging, histology, treatment, etc.
 Please mail this form and documentation to the Montana Central Tumor Registry, PO Box 202952, 1400 Broadway, Room C-317, Helena, MT 59620.
 Or fax the reports to (406) 444-6557. For questions, contact the MCTR at (406) 444-6786.

TUMOR REGISTRY LAW

TITLE 50. HEALTH AND SAFETY CHAPTER 15. VITAL STATISTICS

Part 7. Tumor Registry

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50-15-701. Short title. This part may be cited as the "Tumor Registry Act".

History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 354, L. 1981.

50-15-702. Definitions. As used in this part, the following definitions apply:

(1) "Department" means the department of public health and human services provided for in [2-15-2201](#).

(2) "Health care practitioner" means a person licensed pursuant to Title 37, chapter 3, to practice medicine or pursuant to Title 37, chapter 4, to practice dentistry.

(3) "Hospital" means a facility that provides, by or under the supervision of licensed physicians, services for medical diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, and care of injured, disabled, or sick persons.

(4) "Medical services" means diagnosis or treatment of illness in a human being by or under the supervision of a health care practitioner.

History: En. Sec. 2, Ch. 354, L. 1981; amd. Sec. 106, Ch. 418, L. 1995; amd. Sec. 283, Ch. 546, L. 1995; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 101, L. 1997.

50-15-703. Duty to report tumors. The following persons or entities shall report to the department on forms provided by the department all medical and personal information as specified in rules of the department and laboratory results pertaining to the treatment and condition of a person with a reportable tumor:

(1) a hospital that provides medical services relating to the tumor;

(2) a clinical laboratory, as defined in [50-5-101](#), that is not owned or operated by a hospital and that provides laboratory services relating to the tumor; and

(3) a health care practitioner or health care facility, not covered by subsection (1) or (2), providing medical services relating to the tumor.

History: En. Sec. 3, Ch. 354, L. 1981; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 12, L. 1985; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 101, L. 1997.

50-15-704. Confidentiality. Information received by the department pursuant to this part may not be released unless:

- (1) it is in statistical, nonidentifiable form;
- (2) the provisions of Title 50, chapter 16, part 6, are satisfied;
- (3) the release or transfer is to a person or organization that is qualified to perform data processing or data analysis and that has safeguards against unauthorized disclosure of that information;
- (4) the release or transfer is to a central tumor registry of another state and is of information concerning a person who is residing in that state; or
- (5) the release is to a health care practitioner or health care facility that is providing or has provided medical services to a person who has or has had a reportable tumor.

History: En. Sec. 4, Ch. 354, L. 1981; amd. Sec. 27, Ch. 632, L. 1987; amd. Sec. 3, Ch. 101, L. 1997.

50-15-705. Tumor registry. The department shall maintain a registry containing the names of all persons reported to it and all other information submitted to the department concerning those persons pursuant to [50-15-703](#).

History: En. Sec. 5, Ch. 354, L. 1981.

50-15-706. Rules. The department may adopt rules implementing this part, including:

- (1) the types of tumors that are reportable; and
- (2) the information on each patient having a reportable tumor that must be submitted to the department.

History: En. Sec. 6, Ch. 354, L. 1981.

50-15-707 through 50-15-709 reserved. 50-15-710. Immunity from liability. A person other than the department may not be held liable in a civil or criminal action for complying with the reporting requirements of [50-15-703](#) or for lawfully using information provided by the tumor registry in a manner that does not violate the Tumor Registry Act.

History: En. Sec. 4, Ch. 101, L. 1997.

<http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/mca/50/15/50-15-701.htm>

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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RECORDS AND STATISTICS**

Subchapter 18

Tumor Registry

37.8.1801 REPORTABLE TUMORS

(1) The following tumors are designated as reportable:

- (a) malignant neoplasm, with the exception of a basal or squamous carcinoma of the skin;
- (b) skin cancer of the labia, vulva, penis or scrotum;
- (c) benign tumor of the brain, including a:
 - (i) meningioma (cerebral meninges);
 - (ii) pinealoma (pineal gland); or
 - (iii) adenoma (pituitary gland);
- (d) carcinoid tumor, whether malignant, benign or not otherwise specified (NOS).

(2) A benign tumor other than one of those listed in (1) may be reported to the department for inclusion in the tumor registry if prior approval has been obtained from the Department of Public Health and Human Services, Public Health and Safety Division, Montana Central Tumor Registry, 1400 Broadway, PO Box 202951, Helena, MT 59620-2951.

(3) A tumor which is otherwise reportable, but has been diagnosed and recorded using the words "apparently", "appears", "comparable with", "compatible with", "consistent with", "favors", "malignant appearing", "most likely", "presumed", "probable", "suspected", "suspicious", or "typical of" with reference to that tumor is considered reportable.

(4) In order for the department to maintain current reporting, hospitals and physicians shall submit to the department information on reportable tumors within six months from the first inpatient or outpatient date that the patient was seen with cancer; independent laboratories shall submit to the department information on reportable tumors within six months from the date the laboratory service associated with the tumor was rendered.

History: 50-15-706, MCA; IMP, 50-15-703, MCA; NEW, 1982 MAR p. 391, Eff. 2/26/82; AMD, 1985 MAR p. 1857, Eff. 11/30/85; AMD, 1988 MAR p. 726, Eff. 4/15/88; TRANS, from DHES, 1997 MAR p. 1460; AMD, 2003 MAR p. 2441, Eff. 10/31/03; AMD, 2009 MAR p. 87, Eff. 1/30/09.

37.8.1802 REQUIRED RECORDS, INITIAL ADMISSION AND TREATMENT

(1) Whenever a hospital initially provides medical services to any patient relating to a tumor designated as reportable by ARM 37.8.1801, it must collect, record, and make available to the department the following information about that patient:

- (a) name and current physical address of patient;
- (b) patient's physical address at time of diagnosis;
- (c) social security number;
- (d) name of spouse, if any;
- (e) phone number;
- (f) race, Hispanic origin if applicable, sex, and marital status;
- (g) age at diagnosis, place of birth, and month, day, and year of birth;
- (h) name, address, and phone number of friend or relative to act as contact, plus relationship of that contact to patient;
- (i) date and place of initial diagnosis;
- (j) primary site of tumor (paired organ);
- (k) sequence of primary tumors if more than one;
- (l) other primary tumors;
- (m) method of confirming diagnosis;
- (n) histology, including dates, place, histologic type and slide number;
- (o) summary staging, including whether in situ, localized, regional, distant or unstaged, with no information, or whether AJCC or TNM staging is utilized, and, if so, the findings of this staging;
- (p) description of tumor and its spread, if any, including size in centimeters, number of positive nodes, number of nodes examined and site of distant metastases;
- (q) procedures done to diagnose or stage tumors including dates, procedures, and results (such as physical exams, scopes, x-rays, scans, or lab tests);
- (r) cumulative summary of all therapy directed at the subject tumor, including:
 - (i) date of therapy;
 - (ii) specific type of surgery or radiation therapy, if any, and details of chemical, hormonal, or other kinds of treatment; and
 - (iii) if no therapy given, reason for lack of therapy.
- (s) status at time of latest recorded information, i.e., whether alive or dead, tumor in evidence, or recurring, or status unknown;
- (t) if recurrence of tumor, date, type, and distant sites of first recurrence;
- (u) names of physicians primarily and secondarily responsible for follow up;
- (v) date of each follow up;
- (w) if patient has died, date of death, place, cause, and whether autopsy performed;
- (x) primary payer at diagnosis;
- (y) usual occupation and industry; and
- (z) tobacco and alcohol use history.

History: [50-15-706](#), MCA; [IMP](#), [50-15-703](#), MCA; [NEW](#), 1982 MAR p. 391, Eff. 2/26/82; [TRANS](#), from DHES, 1997 MAR p. 1460; [AMD](#), 2003 MAR p. 2441, Eff. 10/31/03; [AMD](#), 2009 MAR p. 87, Eff. 1/30/09.

37.8.1803 REQUIRED RECORDS, FOLLOW UP

(1) Whenever a patient for whom information has been provided to the tumor registry is admitted to the hospital providing the information on an inpatient or outpatient basis for further treatment related to the tumor for which original registration in the tumor registry was made, the hospital must keep on file the following information:

- (a) patient's name, noting any change from previous records;
- (b) any paired organ involvement, noting sequence;
- (c) subsequent histology, including dates, place, histology type, slide number and procedure;
- (d) date, type of procedure and findings of any surgery or other exploratory measure;
- (e) date and type of any administration of radiation;
- (f) date of any administration of hormones, chemotherapy, immunotherapy or any other kind of treatment;
- (g) date of death and/or last follow up;
- (h) if death has occurred, the place, cause and whether an autopsy was performed;
- (i) if an autopsy was performed, its findings pertaining to cancer;
- (j) status at time of latest recorded information, i.e., whether alive or dead, tumor in evidence, or has recurred, or status is unknown;
- (k) if recurrence of tumor, date, type, and distant sites of first recurrence; and
- (l) names of those physicians primarily and secondarily responsible for follow up treatment.

History: 50-15-706, MCA; IMP, 50-15-703, MCA; NEW, 1982 MAR p. 391, Eff. 2/26/82; TRANS, from DHES, 1997 MAR p. 1460; AMD, 2003 MAR p. 2441, Eff. 10/31/03; AMD, 2009 MAR p. 87, Eff. 1/30/09.

Rules 37.8.1804 through 37.8.1807 reserved

37.8.1808 REQUIRED RECORDS, INDEPENDENT CLINICAL LABORATORIES

(1) Whenever a clinical laboratory which is not owned or operated by a hospital provides laboratory services for any patient relating to a tumor designated as reportable by ARM 37.8.1801, it must collect, record, and make available to the department the following information about that patient:

- (a) name and current address of patient;
- (b) patient's address at time of diagnosis;
- (c) social security number;
- (d) name of spouse, if any;
- (e) race, sex, and marital status;
- (f) age at diagnosis, month, day, and year of birth;
- (g) date and place of initial diagnosis;
- (h) primary site of tumor (paired organ);
- (i) sequence of primary tumors, if more than one;
- (j) method of confirming diagnosis;
- (k) histology, including dates, place, histologic type, and slide number;
- (l) summary staging, including whether in situ, localized, regional, distant or unstaged, with no information, or whether AJCC or TNM staging is utilized, and, if so, the findings of the staging;
- (m) description of tumor and its spread, if any, including size in centimeters, number of positive nodes, number of nodes examined, and site of distant metastasis;
- (n) status at time of latest recorded information, i.e., whether alive or dead, tumor in evidence, or recurring, or status unknown; and
- (o) names of physicians primarily and secondarily responsible for follow up.

History: 50-15-706, MCA; IMP, 50-15-703, MCA; NEW, 1985 MAR p. 1857, Eff. 11/30/85; TRANS, from DHES, 1997 MAR p. 1460; AMD, 2003 MAR p. 2441, Eff. 10/31/03; AMD, 2009 MAR p. 87, Eff. 1/30/09.