



MARYLAND Department of Health

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Dear Hard Copy Abstractor:

Welcome to the Maryland Cancer Registry (MCR). You have been chosen by your facility as an abstractor. A “Hard Copy Abstractor” is a person who reports cancers and benign central nervous system tumors to the MCR by completing a hard copy form called an abstract and sending the form with the pathology report.

To become an Abstractor, you will need to:

- Understand the tumor reporting requirement of the State of Maryland;
- Provide information about you and your facility; and
- Become familiar with the abstracting hard copy form.

Data that you send using the hard copy method must be sent in a secure manner. This include techniques that ensure the security and safety of documents such as double-envelope mailing, a trackable delivery method or mailing service, or fax.

There are four documents that will get you started:

- **Reporting Requirements** – answers common questions about reporting to the MCR and gives the Maryland law and regulations;
- **Facility Demographics Form** – information about your facility;
- **Abstract Form** – the appropriate reporting form based on the facility specialty; and
- **Abstract Instructions** – the instructions for completing an abstract based on the facility specialty.

When Myriddian has reviewed your signed form, they will contact you and give you a Facility Identification Number for use when completing an abstract. Myriddian provides technical support during usual business hours via the Technical Help Line at 1-866-986-6575 or you can email us at mcrtech@myriddian.com.

If you have any additional questions or comments, please contact me directly at 410-767-5521 or email, kimberly.stern@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,

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