

**TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**Cancer Case Reporting**  
**Fact Sheet for Public Health Reporting**  
*For more information, contact the Tennessee Cancer Registry*

The Tennessee Cancer Registry (TCR) located within the Tennessee Department of Health (TDH), was established in 1983 as a statewide population-based cancer surveillance system. The TCR has programmatic oversight of cancer case reporting activities across the state and collects information about all newly diagnosed cancers in Tennessee residents (except in situ cervical cancer, and basal and squamous cell carcinoma of the skin). This information is used to monitor and evaluate cancer incidence patterns in Tennessee. Additionally, this information is used to better understand cancer, identify areas in need of public health interventions, and improve cancer prevention, treatment, and control.

Currently, all Tennessee acute care hospitals, ambulatory surgery treatment centers, and pathology laboratories report cancer cases. Cancer case reporting is also available to ambulatory providers participating in Electronic Health Record (EHR) Incentive Programs. Public health reporting by ambulatory providers will provide expanded treatment information for cases and help identify cancer cases treated outside of the traditional hospital setting.

Only providers (i.e., individual medical specialists), who directly diagnose or treat cancer patients and use EHR software that meets the \*Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) for Health Information Technology 2014 Certified EHR Technology criteria for transmission to cancer registries may attest to the cancer case reporting incentive measures. The TCR is currently prioritizing electronic submission of cancer registry data from eligible providers that diagnose and/or treat cancer. If you are interested in the Public Health Registry Reporting in Tennessee, please visit; <https://tn.gov/health/topic/meaningful-use-summary>.

***\*In order to participate in Cancer Case Reporting your EHR product MUST be certified for both cancer reporting criteria. Please, follow the directions below to ensure your EHR product meets these criteria.***

The list of certified products from ambulatory vendors can be found within the ONC for Health Information Technology’s [Certified Health IT Product List](#).

1. Enter the name of your EHR product in the search box and click the magnifying glass
2. Navigate to the specific version of your EHR product and select ‘Details’
3. In the Certification Criteria table verify your EHR product is certified to:
  - a. ‘170.314(f)(5)’ – Ambulatory Setting Only – Cancer Case Information
  - b. ‘170.314(f)(6)’ – Ambulatory Setting Only – Transmission to Cancer Registries

<b>Transport</b>	
<b>Method</b>	<b>Description</b>
SFTP	Internet standard for point-to-point interactive secure file transfer
Direct	Simple, secure, scalable, standards-based way for participants to “push” encrypted health information directly from their EHR to known, trusted recipients over the Internet.

For more information about reporting cancer cases electronically in Tennessee, please contact: The Tennessee Cancer Registry at (615) 741-5548 or email us at [TNCancer.Registry@tn.gov](mailto:TNCancer.Registry@tn.gov).

If you are interested in more information regarding other Public Health Reporting options, please visit: <https://tn.gov/health/topic/meaningful-use-summary> or contact the TDH Meaningful Use Coordinator at [MU.Health@tn.gov](mailto:MU.Health@tn.gov).