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Nevada State Health Division Announces Federal Recognition of Nevada Central Cancer Registry

Carson City – The Nevada State Health Division is announcing federal recognition of the Nevada Central Cancer Registry for its achievement of the National Program of Cancer Registries (NPCR) Standards for Data Completeness, Timeliness and Quality.

“Meeting these standards allows our state’s data to be included in this year’s *United States Cancer Statistics: 2002 Incidence and Mortality* report,” said Dr. Bradford Lee, State Health Officer. “This achievement is due to the continued dedication of the Registry staff, hospitals, pathology laboratories and outpatient facilities.”

This year, 40 programs funded by the NPCR in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Division of Cancer Prevention and Control, are recognized for achieving this objective.

Data included in the *United States Cancer Statistics* (USCS) are from statewide or metropolitan area cancer registries that have high quality cancer incidence data for 2002. All standards are set at a level that is indicative of complete, timely and quality data available for cancer control activities addressing the burden on U.S. citizens.

The Nevada Central Cancer Registry has previously received the highest recognition, Gold Certification, for 2000, 2001 and 2002 data from the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, Inc. (NAACCR).

The *United States Cancer Statistics: 2002 Incidence and Mortality* report is located at:
<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/npcr/uscs/index.htm>

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