## Alaska

### Cancer Surveillance System

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<td>STATUTE: A.S., Title 18, Chapter 5, Sections 18.05.040 and 18.05.042&lt;br&gt; RULE: 7 AAC 27.011</td>
<td>Sec. 18.05.040. Regulations. (a) The commissioner shall adopt regulations consistent with existing law for (1) the time, manner, information to be reported, and persons responsible for reporting for each disease or other condition of public health importance on the list developed under AS 18.15.370 ; (2) cooperation with local boards of health and health officers; (3) protection and promotion of the public health and prevention of disability and mortality; …&lt;br&gt; Sec. 18.05.042. Access to health care records. (a) The department may, during reasonable business hours, inspect health care records maintained by physicians and other health care professionals, hospitals, out-patient clinics, nursing homes, and other facilities or agencies providing health</td>
<td>Sec. 18.15.370. Reportable disease list. The department shall maintain a list of reportable diseases or other conditions of public health importance that must be reported to the department. The list may include birth defects, cancers, injuries, and diseases or other conditions caused by exposure to microorganisms; pathogens; or environmental, toxic, or other hazardous substances. The department shall regularly maintain and</td>
<td>Sec. 18.05.042. Access to health care records. …(b) The department may conduct research using health care data reported under (a) of this section. The department may provide data obtained under (a) of this section to other persons for clinical, epidemiological, or other public health research.</td>
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care services to patients that would identify patients or establish characteristics of an identified **patient with cancer required to be reported** under 42 U.S.C. 280e - 280e-4, or a birth defect or infectious disease required to be reported to protect the public health under this chapter and regulations adopted under this chapter. Disclosure of these health care records to the department does not constitute a breach of patient confidentiality. **[emphasis added]**

“The Alaska Cancer Registry (ACR) is a population-based cancer surveillance system and is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). ACR collects data on all newly diagnosed cases of cancer (including benign brain) for the State of Alaska. The registry operates under several statutes and regulations required for compliance with the [federal] Cancer Registries Amendment Act, Public Law 102-515 [http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/NPCR/amendmentact.htm], Alaska Administrative Code 7 AAC 27.011 - Reporting of may revise the list. The department may also establish registries for diseases and conditions that must be reported to the department.

**AAC 27.011. Reporting of cancer and brain tumors:**

(a) A hospital, physician, surgeon, or other health care facility or health care provider diagnosing, screening, or providing treatment for a cancer patient in this state shall report the information specified in (b) of this section to the division, within six months of the date of diagnosis, screening, or treatment.

(b) Investigations under this section may include identification of individuals who have been or may have been exposed to or affected by a condition of public health importance, interviewing and testing those individuals, examining facilities or materials that may pose a threat to the public health, and interviewing other individuals. In conducting the investigations the department may (1) identify ascertain the existence of cases of illness or other conditions of public health importance, investigate potential sources of exposure or infection and ensure that they are subject to proper control measures, and determine the extent of the disease outbreak, epidemic, risk to health and safety, or disaster.
| Cancer and brain tumors, and Alaska Statutes Sec. 18.05.042 - Access to health care records.” – “Alaska Cancer Registry,” AK Dept. of Health, [http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/chronic/cancer/registry.htm](http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dph/chronic/cancer/registry.htm) | All individuals thought to have been exposed to any agent that may be a potential cause of the disease outbreak, epidemic, or disaster; (2) interview, test, examine, or screen an individual where needed to assist in the positive identification of those exposed or affected or to develop information relating to the source or spread of the disease or other condition of public health importance; and (3) inspect health care records maintained by a health care provider. … |