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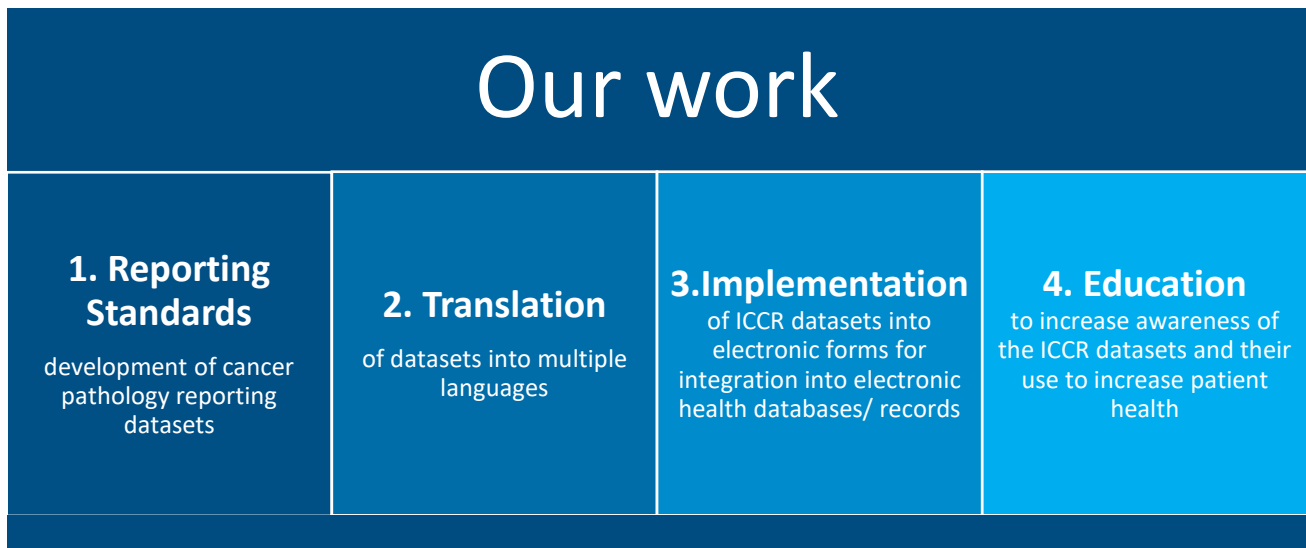
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1. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR) has made significant progress in meeting our goals in the four strategic workstreams in 2025. As in previous years, our principal focus has been on the development of new datasets and on updating existing datasets to maintain currency with the World Health Organisation (WHO) Classification of Tumours, 6th edition (pending) & UICC TNM 9th edition (published). There have also been significant achievements in three other workstreams, i.e., Dataset translation, Implementation and Education, and in developing a Fundraising Strategy aimed at ensuring the ICCR's sustainability.

1.1 Four Workstreams



1.2 Dataset development

The development of international standards for pathologists reporting cancers globally is a key pillar of the ICCR's core business. The Dataset Steering Committee (DSC) and various Dataset Authoring Committees (DAC) have been busy in 2025 developing cancer pathology datasets. The ICCR is very grateful to the Chairs and members of the authoring committees for their time and expertise in developing and updating the global minimum datasets. The ICCR work closely with partner organisations, including the International Agency on Cancer Research (IARC), WHO, Union for International Cancer Control (UICC), American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC), specialty pathology Societies and Colleges, as well as other major cancer organisations globally. Global standardisation of pathology information on tumour classification, staging, prognostic and predictive information forms the basis for best practice in patient care and ultimately improves patient outcomes worldwide.

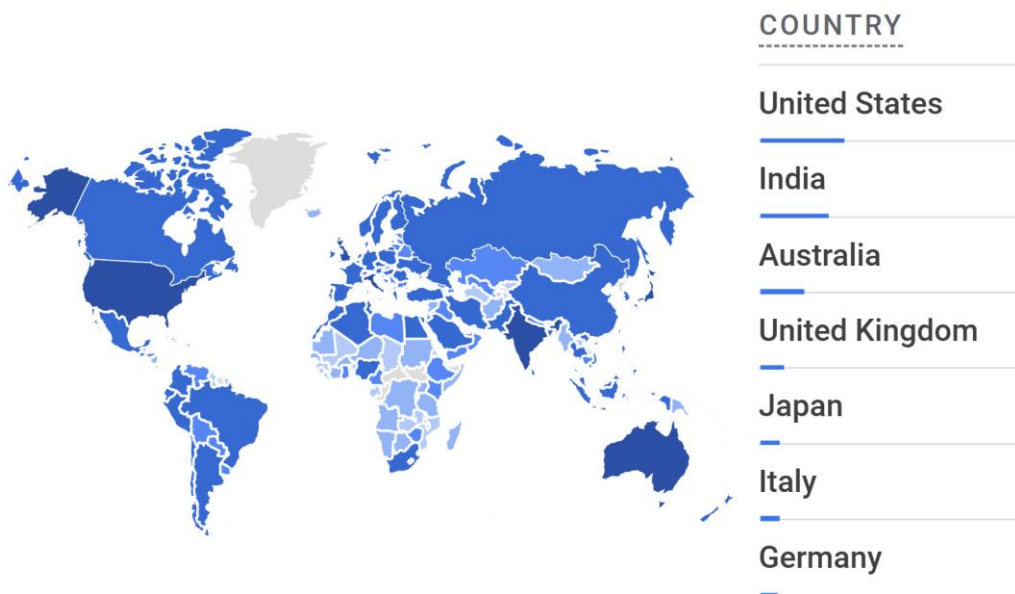
The ICCR has 62 published datasets to date, with a total of 118 dataset editions published, including updates. The ICCR datasets cover the top ten solid tumours worldwide. Twelve ICCR datasets have also been updated in the last 12 months to reflect the latest WHO Classification of Tumours and TNM staging, and a further eight updates are in progress. Thirteen new datasets are also in development. A total of 68 peer-reviewed journal articles related to the ICCR datasets or the work of the ICCR have been published.

The DSC Quality Assurance Sub-committee, led by Ekkehard Hewer, helps to ensure that the datasets are of the highest quality and fit-for-purpose. This is one of the unique strengths of the ICCR dataset development process overseen by the DSC.

1.3 Translation

Translation of the datasets has been identified as a key priority for the ICCR, especially with the feedback that ICCR datasets are valued globally. The ICCR website has been accessed from 185 countries to date, and in the last 12 months, we have seen 47,000 active users, indicating the traction these datasets are receiving worldwide. The top 10 countries of users include the United States, India, Australia, United Kingdom, Japan, Italy, Germany, Brazil, China and France, and the top 3 dataset suites being accessed are for Breast, Female Reproductive Organs and Digestive Tract cancers.

The image below was generated using Google Analytics data from the ICCR website, and illustrates the number of users, by country, who visited the ICCR website in the last 12 months.



A number of collaborations are in development with the goal to accomplish translations of ICCR datasets into German, Italian and Ukrainian.

The ICCR continues to pursue collaborations with member pathology organisations, middleware and laboratory information system (LIS) vendors to discuss further opportunities for future translations.

1.4 Implementation

Electronic implementation of the ICCR datasets is a vital step towards their integration into routine reporting practice and utilisation worldwide. The Structured Reporting Implementation Committee (SRIC), which was convened in 2021 to guide this process, has been investigating potential structured reporting tools for low and middle-income countries (LMICs) and requirements for electronic versions of the ICCR datasets for upload into Laboratory Information Systems (LIS). The focus of the SRIC committee has been surrounding the requirements for transposing the PDF ICCR datasets into electronic formats, which could then be used in future within electronic health records/databases and continued engagement with software vendors.

In collaboration with our partners, this work has developed terminology to support analysis and comparison of data, quality assurance, overseeing of implementation projects, and improving cancer registry interface standards. The ICCR and SNOMED International have drafted a set of principles to lay the groundwork for a collaboration agreement for SNOMED CT reference sets for all ICCR datasets to be made available globally at no cost.

The SNOMED-CT coding of ICCR datasets continues to progress and forms a key component of the collaboration with SNOMED International and will assist with the standardisation and interoperability of cancer reporting data worldwide. Coding for several datasets has been carefully reviewed by the ICCR SNOMED Validation Standing Committee in their fortnightly meetings. This important work could not take place without the generous support of our collaborators at the University of Nebraska Medical Centre. The ICCR is also one of the Participating Organisations in the NCI's Cancer PathCHART group (Cancer Pathology Coding Histology and Registration Terminology), which aims to develop a unified resource for deriving public health statistics from pathology reporting for cancer prevention programs and research.

1.5 Education

This year a focus on the education stream was on presentations at conferences globally. The ICCR has been represented at the UICC TNM Annual meeting, IC3R Annual meeting, WHO Editorial Standing Committee meetings, SNOMED International meeting, and at a joint session at the European Congress of Pathology (ECP) with the European Society of Pathology (ESP) and IARC.

The ICCR will continue to seek partnerships with relevant organisations to continue the development of the Education workstream. We aim to facilitate educational events such as webinars for professional development, University and College lectures, outreach sessions and conference presentations.

1.6 Sustainability

The ICCR is grateful for the indispensable support of 17 international pathology organisation members, and the membership fees have continued to drive the maintenance and growth of the four workstreams of the ICCR. Future funding is crucial to the delivery of key projects within the four workstreams.

Additionally, the ICCR thanks Donna Meredith, the Managing Director of Keystone Corporate Positioning, who has offered her services pro bono, to develop ICCR's Philanthropic Approach strategy.

1.7 Thank you

On behalf of the ICCR Board and Council, I would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to all our members, sponsoring organisations and strategic partners for their invaluable support this year. Their contributions and those of the numerous pathologists from our membership, who have voluntarily contributed their time and expertise, have enabled the ICCR to make significant progress in all four workstreams. We are especially thankful to the Chairs of both the Dataset Steering Committee, Professor Sigurd Lax, and of the Structured Reporting Implementation Committee, Professor George Birdsong, for their vital work and expert input. Finally, we are grateful to our General Manager, Rajuel Nandakumar, our Dataset project manager, Fleur Webster, as well as all the project managers and assistants for their tireless efforts over the last year.

Kieran Sheahan, President ICCR

2. ICCR'S VISION AND MISSION

2.1 Vision statement

Internationally standardised, multilingual and machine-readable pathology reports documenting cancer subtype, grade, stage and other morphologic and molecular tumour parameters are necessary to improve patient care and outcomes and to advance cancer control in populations.

2.2 Mission statement

The International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR) produces internationally standardised pathology datasets incorporating contemporary morphologic and molecular parameters which are translated into multiple languages and are available in machine readable formats. The datasets are based on strong scientific evidence and are used primarily to improve patient care. High quality data also facilitate population-level cancer control initiatives including cancer registration, epidemiology, quality research, resource planning and education.

3. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

3.1 Development of cancer pathology datasets

Cancer patient outcomes are positively impacted by the ability of the medical team to build treatment and management options based on accurate and complete information from the patients' pathology reports. Developing complete, evidence-based cancer datasets containing essential and current reporting information for a given cancer provides the foundation for improved cancer staging and optimisation of treatment. The ICCR now has over sixty cancer datasets available for download.

3.2 Translation of datasets into multiple languages

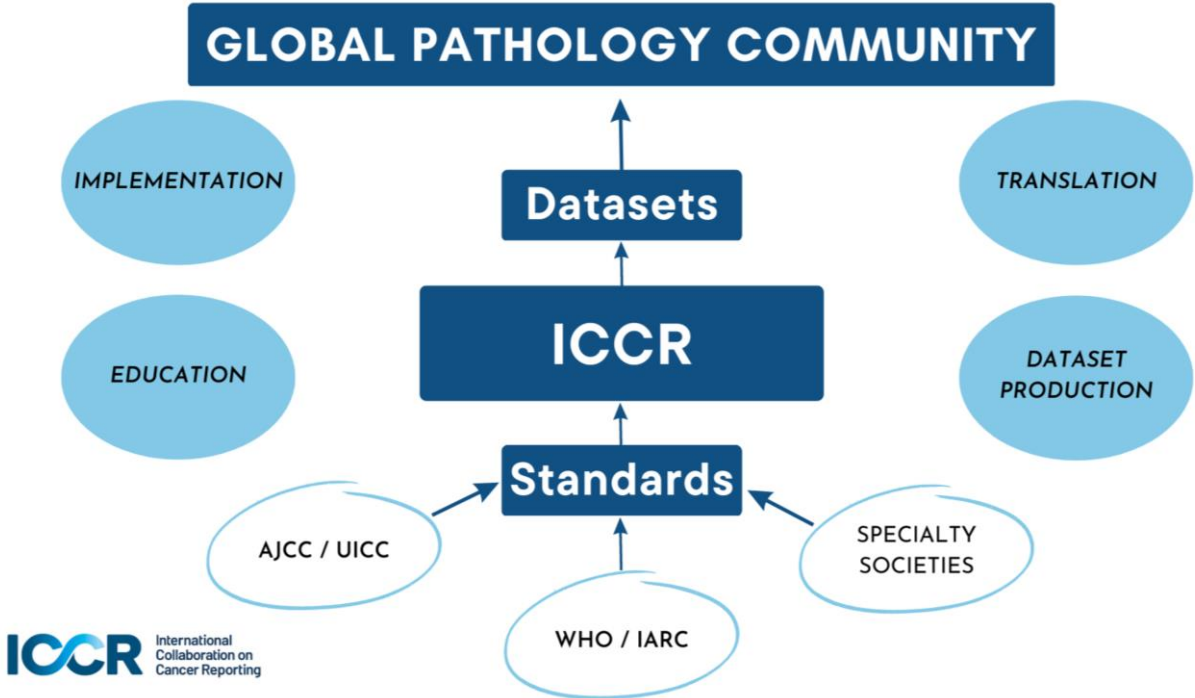
Translating the ICCR datasets into numerous languages is essential to facilitate the implementation of standardised cancer reporting worldwide. In particular, the ICCR is focused on bridging equity access to support pathologists practicing in LMICs to effectively communicate complete cancer pathology results to associated clinicians, cancer registrars and other secondary users, thus ultimately benefiting cancer patients globally.

3.3 Implementation of ICCR datasets

Implementation of the ICCR datasets is crucial to their progression, integration and utilisation worldwide. This will involve investigating structured reporting tools for LMICs, developing electronic versions of the ICCR Datasets for upload into Laboratory Information Systems (LIS), development of terminology to support analysis and comparison of data, quality assurance, oversight of implementation projects, and improving cancer registry interface standards.

3.4 Education

In 2019 the International Association of Cancer Registries (IACR) endorsed the ICCR Datasets as the international standard for cancer pathology reporting. ICCR datasets have enormous educational value for pathologists, oncologists, and other related medical professionals for training and professional development, as well as providing pathologists in developing parts of the world with a benchmark and, therefore, a 'ladder' for progression and advancement in cancer reporting as their capability improves. The ICCR aims to facilitate educational events such as webinars for professional development, University and College lectures, outreach sessions, and conference presentations.

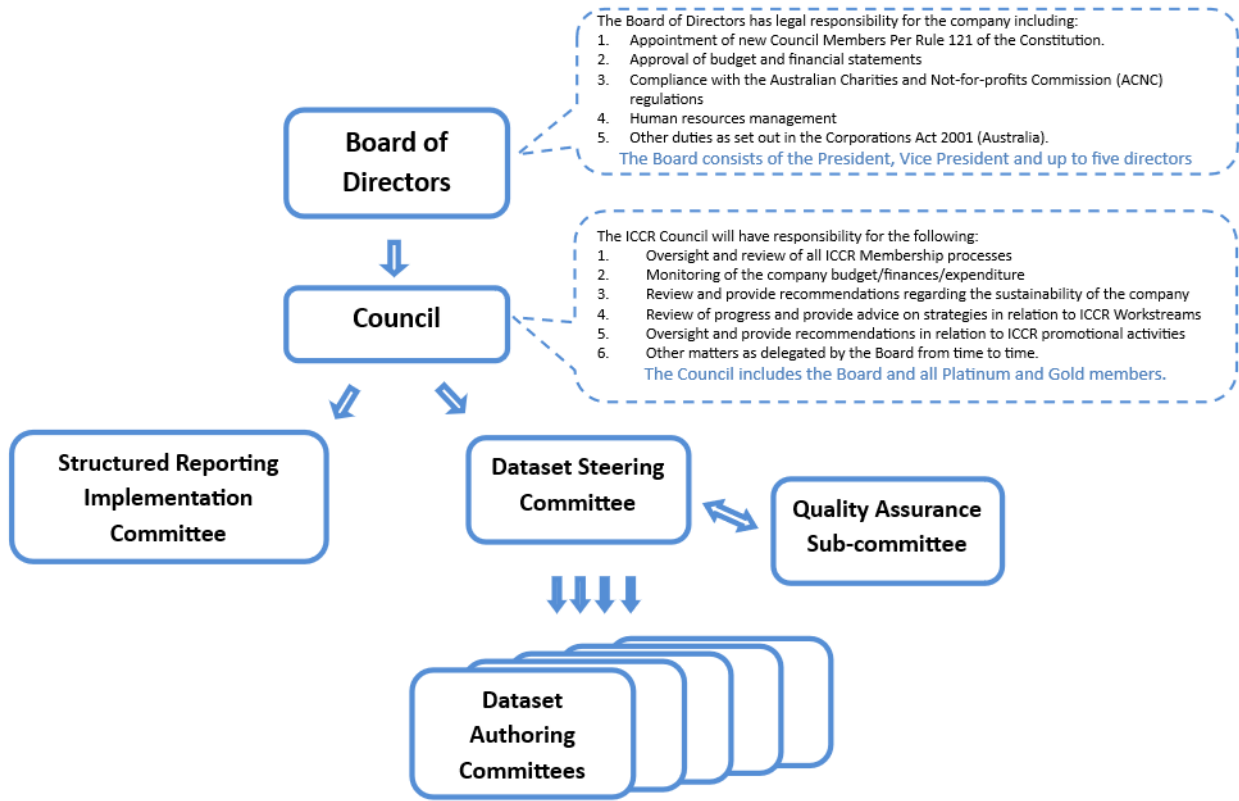


4. ORGANISATIONAL OVERVIEW

The ICCR was founded by major pathology organisations from around the world to produce internationally standardised and evidence based datasets for the pathology reporting of cancer. Its goal is to improve cancer patient outcomes worldwide and to advance international benchmarking in cancer management.

The ICCR was incorporated as a not-for-profit organisation in September 2014.

The organisational structure is as follows:



4.1 Membership

The ICCR is supported by membership and sponsorship.

The ICCR currently has three levels of membership:

- Platinum - which provides the member organisation with both Council and DSC representation. The annual membership fee for a Platinum member is \$20,000 USD.
- Gold - which provides the member organisation with both Council and DSC representation. The annual membership fee for a Gold member is \$10,000 USD.
- Silver - which provides the member organisation with DSC representation only. The annual membership fee for a Silver member is \$5,000 USD.

Membership provides the principal amount of funding on which the ICCR depends.

As of December 2025, the ICCR has two Platinum members, which are:

- Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA), and
- American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP).

These members have provided additional contributions above their membership fees and were recognised with elevation to Platinum membership at a 50% discount.

As of December 2025, ICCR has fourteen Gold members, which are:

- European Society of Pathology (ESP),
- Royal College of Pathologists United Kingdom (RCPATH),
- College of American Pathologists (CAP),
- Royal College of Physicians of Ireland, Faculty of Pathology (RCPI FoP),
- German Society of Pathology (DGP),
- Brazilian Society of Pathology (SBP),
- Hong Kong College of Pathologists (HKCPATH),
- Austrian Society of Pathology/Austrian Division of the International Academy of Pathology (ÖGPATH/IAP Austria),
- Japanese Society of Pathology (JSP),
- Italian Society of Pathological Anatomy and Cytology (SIAPEC),
- Swiss Society of Pathology (SSP),
- Dutch Society of Pathology/ Nederlandse Vereniging voor Pathologie (NVVP)
- Chinese Medical Association (CMA), and
- Professional Association of German Pathologists (BDP).

As of December 2025, there are two Silver members, which are:

- Canadian Association of Pathologists (CAP-ACP), and
- Belgian Society of Pathology (BSP).

4.2 Board of Directors

The ICCR Board of Directors comprises: Professor Kieran Sheahan (President), Professor Peter Schirmacher (President-Elect), Professor Annie Nga-Yin Cheung (Director), Professor Katia Leite (Director), Associate Professor Caroline Cooper (Director) and Professor James Kench (Director).

4.3 Council

The role of the ICCR Council is to expand and promote the work of the ICCR by providing strategic guidance and recommendations to the ICCR Board of Directors. Each Platinum and Gold member can appoint one representative to the Council and one observer (for succession planning purposes).

4.4 Dataset Steering Committee

The DSC has responsibility for all activities relating to the development of ICCR datasets. The DSC invites representation from all sustaining members, as well as strategic partners, including IARC, IACR and the European Organisation for Research and Treatment of Cancer (EORTC).

Sigurd Lax of the Austrian Society of Pathology/Austrian Division of the International Academy of Pathology holds the position of Chair of the DSC.

4.5 Quality Assurance Sub-committee

The DSC Quality Assurance Sub-committee undertakes a quality review of the datasets prior to open consultation and publication to ensure that the datasets are of the highest quality and fit-for-purpose. This quality assurance process is one of the key strengths of the ICCR dataset development process overseen by the DSC.

Ekkehard Hewer of the Swiss Society of Pathology holds the position of Lead of the DSC Quality Assurance Sub-committee.

4.6 Dataset Authoring Committees

Dataset Authoring Committees (DACs) are convened as needed for the development of specific datasets. DAC members are recognised as honorary contributors to the ICCR for the lifetime of the datasets on which they contributed.

4.7 Structured Reporting Implementation Committee

The ICCR SRIC was established in 2021 to oversee all activities relating to the digital implementation of ICCR cancer datasets and provide guidance to the Board on these matters. The committee oversees the detailed technical aspects impacting the consistent and efficient implementation of standardised cancer datasets such as electronic representation. Key initiatives include the development of terminology binding as well as the exploration of structured reporting options for LMICs.

George Birdsong is the appointed Chair of the SRIC.

4.8 Honorary Advisory Panel

The Honorary Advisory Panel (HAP) was formed for the purposes of seeking strategic advice as well as retaining corporate knowledge within the organisation. The HAP meets as needed to provide ongoing guidance to the ICCR. Such guidance can include recommendations regarding sustainability, advice on strategies in relation to ICCR workstreams, recommendations in relation to ICCR promotional activities or advice on other matters as requested by the Board of Directors from time to time.

Kieran Sheahan, ICCR President, is the current HAP Chair.

The ICCR Board of Directors, Council, DSC, DAC, SRIC, HAP and SNOMED Validation Standing Committee members are all volunteers that provide their expertise and time altruistically. The number of volunteers annually that provide their time and expertise to the ICCR is approximately 385.

5. DATASET DEVELOPMENT

The development of common, international validated and evidence-based pathology datasets for pathologists reporting cancers is ICCR's core business.

The ICCR dataset development follows an agreed process that is outlined in Guidelines for the Development of ICCR Datasets (<http://www.iccr-cancer.org/datasets/dataset-development>), which is reviewed and updated annually by the DSC.

The ICCR develops datasets in synchrony with the WHO Classification of Tumours updates. Dataset work commences close to the publication of the revised classification. The 5th edition of the WHO is

nearing completion. The 6th edition of the WHO has commenced which will inform the future dataset development schedule.

For the development of a series of datasets, the ICCR appoints a Series Champion who acts in an advisory role to the DSC to assist in the nomination of qualified candidates for the Chair and DAC roles. In addition, the Series Champion oversees the development process, supports the work of the dataset Chairs, and ensures harmonisation across the series. The responsibilities for each of the roles in a DAC are described in Roles and Responsibilities for the ICCR dataset development process (<http://www.iccr-cancer.org/datasets/dataset-development>). This document is reviewed and updated annually by the DSC.

For the development of each dataset, the DSC appoints appropriately qualified expert pathologist(s) to take on the role of Chair of the DAC. The Chair(s) are supported in the development process by a Project Manager and a representative from the DSC.

5.1 Published datasets

As of December 2025, the ICCR has published 62 datasets, with a total of 118 dataset editions published including updates. All published datasets that include TNM staging have been updated to the 8th edition.

The top 3 dataset suites being accessed in 2025 are Breast, Digestive Tract and Female Reproductive Organs. The top 3 individual datasets being accessed in 2025 are Invasive carcinoma of the breast, Colorectal cancers and Lung cancers.

See Appendix 10.1 for the latest editions of all published ICCR datasets.

5.2 International Standard Book Numbers (ISBN)

International Standard Book Numbers (ISBN) are assigned to each published ICCR dataset.

5.3 Datasets in progress

The IARC/WHO 'blue books' are integral to all cancer datasets and as such the ICCR is committed to developing harmonised international datasets in synchrony with IARC/WHO. ICCR have a developmental schedule synchronising dataset development with IARC/WHO 'blue book' updates.

There are 21 ICCR datasets currently in progress – 13 new datasets and eight updates to existing datasets:

5.3.1 Gastrointestinal tumours – expansion of current datasets

In synchrony with planned updates to the WHO Classification of Digestive System Tumours, the ICCR has commenced the development of five new datasets as follows:

1. Carcinoma of the appendix (Chair: Joseph Misdraji)
2. Carcinoma of the gallbladder (Chair: Irene Esposito)
3. Liver metastases resection (Chair: Laura Rubbia-Brandt)
4. Squamous cell carcinoma of the anus – local excision specimen (Chair: Newton Wong)
5. Squamous cell carcinoma of the anus – abdominoperineal excision specimen (Chair: Newton Wong)

Iris Nagtegaal, from The Netherlands, is the appointed Series Champion.

5.3.2 Neuroendocrine tumours

In synchrony with the updates to the WHO Classification of Endocrine and Neuroendocrine Tumours and the WHO Classification of Digestive System Tumours, the ICCR has commenced the development of a new dataset for neuroendocrine tumours. The dataset will include neuroendocrine tumours of the pancreas, luminal gut and carcinoid tumours of unknown primary site. The Co-Chairs are Aurel Perren and Stefano la Rosa.

5.3.3 Skin tumours

In synchrony with the updates to the WHO Classification of Skin Tumours, the ICCR has commenced the development of a new dataset for invasive melanoma in the post neoadjuvant setting. The Chair of this new dataset is Klaus Busam.

5.3.4 Haematolymphoid tumours

In synchrony with the updates to the WHO Classification of Haematolymphoid Tumours, the ICCR has commenced the development of three new datasets as follows:

1. Lymphoid malignancies (Chair: German Ott)
2. Myeloid and mixed or ambiguous lineage haematopoietic neoplasms (Chair: Xueyan Chen)
3. Plasma cell neoplasms (Chair: Pei Lin)

Joseph Khoury, from United States, is the appointed Series Champion.

5.3.5 Eye and Orbit tumours

In synchrony with the updates to the WHO Classification of Eye and Orbit Tumours, the ICCR has commenced the development of two new datasets as follows:

1. Uveal melanoma (Chair: Sarah Coupland)
2. Ocular retinoblastoma (Chair: Patricia Chévez-Barrios)

5.4 Datasets in planning

Updates to the Digestive tract dataset series will commence in the first quarter of 2026 to align with updates in progress to the WHO Classification of Digestive System Tumours (6th edition 'blue book'). A new dataset on liver biopsy will also be developed as part of this suite. Updates to the Breast dataset series will commence in the first half of 2026 in synchrony with updates in progress to the WHO Classification of Breast Tumours (6th edition 'blue book').

5.5 TNM staging

The 8th editions of the UICC and AJCC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours were published in late 2016. All published datasets that include TNM staging have been updated to the 8th edition. The 9th edition of the UICC TNM Classification of Malignant Tumours was published in May 2025. Following this, a new updated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between UICC and ICCR was signed on 5th September 2025. Rollout of the 9th edition UICC TNM staging to ICCR datasets commenced later in 2025.

In 2020, the AJCC adopted a new approach to publication of its TNM staging system, moving from an edition-based model to a versioning approach or 'rolling updates'. In this model, the various anatomic sites will be updated individually and published separately.

5.6 Peer-reviewed publications

A key part of the ICCR dataset development process is the development of an accompanying article based on the dataset which is submitted to an international peer-reviewed journal. To date, 68 manuscripts related to the ICCR datasets or work of the ICCR have been published in peer-review journals.

See Appendix 10.2 for all ICCR dataset related peer-reviewed publications.

6. TRANSLATION

The ICCR considers that translation of the ICCR datasets into other languages is an essential step to advance adoption and uptake of the datasets around the world, in particular in LMIC especially as the WHO Classification of Tumours are not being translated.

Several models of translation have been discussed and various trials are underway to gather information to inform future efforts.

Currently, funding is the rate-limiting step for further translations.

6.1 Datasets translated

The following datasets translated into Spanish, French and Portuguese are available on the ICCR website (these are earlier ICCR datasets):

Group	Dataset
Genitourinary	Carcinoma of the urethra - urethrectomy specimen
	Carcinoma of the renal pelvis and ureter - nephroureterectomy and ureterectomy specimen
	Urinary tract carcinoma - biopsy and transurethral resection specimen
	Carcinoma of the bladder - cystectomy, cystoprostatectomy and diverticulectomy specimen
	Invasive carcinoma of renal tubular origin
	Renal biopsy for tumour
	Carcinoma of the penis and distal urethra
	Neoplasia of the testis - retroperitoneal lymphadenectomy
	Neoplasia of the testis - orchidectomy specimen
	Prostate cancer - transurethral resection and enucleation specimen
	Prostate cancer - radical prostatectomy specimen
	Prostate - core needle biopsy
	Digestive tract
Thoracic	Lung cancer
	Thymic epithelial tumours
	Neoplasms of the heart, pericardium and great vessels
	Mesothelioma in the pleura and peritoneum
Gynaecology	Endometrial cancer
	Ovary, fallopian tube and primary peritoneal carcinoma
Skin	Carcinoma of the cervix
	Invasive melanoma

6.2 Breast Suite

Four datasets in the Breast Suite are being translated into the six priority languages (French (European), Spanish (European), Portuguese, German, Chinese and Russian) and two variants (French – Quebecois and Spanish – Latin American):

- Ductal carcinoma in situ, variants of lobular carcinoma in situ and low-grade lesions
- Invasive carcinoma of the breast
- Invasive carcinoma of the breast in the setting of neoadjuvant therapy
- Surgically removed lymph nodes for breast tumours.

Translation is being done by IDEM, an ISO accredited translation company from Chicago. A quality assurance process is underway with the various Societies and Colleges of Pathology.

The project is funded through a very generously donation from the ASCP supplemented by donations from the International Society of Breast Pathology (ISBP) and the Singapore General Hospital Breast Pathology Course.

The purpose of the project is to enable the ICCR to explore the various issues and challenges involved in a project of this size which will inform future translation efforts.

6.3 Ukrainian

ICCR was approached in July 2022 by a group of Ukrainian pathologists wishing to translate several of the ICCR datasets into the Ukrainian language. As this was a single jurisdiction project not affecting a broader population, ICCR has agreed to support this work and is monitoring progress.

Ukrainian translation has been completed for the ICCR Colorectal cancer dataset, and continues for the rest of the suite of Gastrointestinal datasets. Work has also commenced for the suite of Gynaecological datasets.

6.4 Italian

ICCR has had discussions with SIAPEC and the Italian Ministry of Health regarding a project to translate ICCR datasets into Italian for national use, which is currently underway. ICCR and SIAPEC are in discussion regarding the progress of this project.

6.5 German

The German speaking members of the ICCR – Germany, Austria and Switzerland – have put forward a proposal to translate the ICCR datasets into German. Further discussion is planned between all parties, with an agreement pending.

6.6 Language specific webpages

Language specific pages have been added to the ICCR website to host the translated datasets. New pages will be added as needed in the future. An example is shown below:

Los conjuntos de datos ICCR se han desarrollado para proporcionar un enfoque coherente y basado en la evidencia para la notificación de cáncer. El objetivo es garantizar que los conjuntos de datos producidos para diferentes tipos de tumores tengan un estilo y contenido consistentes, y que contengan todos los parámetros necesarios para guiar la administración y el pronóstico de cánceres individuales.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre los conjuntos de datos de ICCR, envíe un correo electrónico a datasets@iccr-cancer.org.

Si desea proporcionar comentarios sobre el contenido de los conjuntos de datos ICCR publicados, haga clic [aquí](#). Para enviar comentarios sobre la precisión y la calidad de las traducciones, envíe un correo electrónico a translations@iccr-cancer.org.

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Tórax



Tracto digestivo



Órganos reproductores femeninos



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6.6 Future translation

ICCR has 62 published datasets with more in development. It represents a large body of work to be translated and there is also the ongoing maintenance of the datasets to be considered. This requires a substantial investment in funding. ICCR will continue to investigate various options for funding as well as different models of translation.

7. IMPLEMENTATION

7.1 Structured Reporting Implementation Committee (SRIC)

ICCR convened the SRIC in 2021 for the purpose of providing guidance to the ICCR on matters relating to the implementation of ICCR Datasets and on the detailed technical aspects impacting the efficient implementation of standardised cancer datasets.

Membership of the committee includes those with expertise in electronic dataset development, terminology development, informatics and cancer reporting. The committee meets quarterly.

George Birdsong is the current Chair of the SRIC.

7.2 Electronic ICCR datasets

Achieving widespread adoption of ICCR dataset templates within laboratory information systems (LIS) hinges on the creation of electronic ICCR templates that can be seamlessly embedded in the majority of LIS platforms—a strategic, long-term objective of the ICCR.

Digital reporting templates drive standardisation by ensuring that pathology reports are consistent, comprehensive, and aligned with best-practice criteria. This uniformity underpins precise cancer staging, informed treatment planning, and robust epidemiological data, ultimately translating into better patient outcomes.

Digital templates also allow for interoperable and discrete data capture, that is both highly human- and machine-readable. Resulting pathology report data can be more readily extracted, aggregated, and analysed across institutions, registries, and research networks, fostering diagnostic consistency and rapid communication among pathologists, oncologists, and multidisciplinary teams.

The ICCR is committed to expanding global uptake of these dataset templates, with a particular focus on LMICs. To meet diverse technological environments, the supporting tools must be interoperable, scalable, and adaptable to regions with varying levels of information technology (IT) infrastructure.

To guide this effort, the SRIC has compiled a comprehensive set of requirements that underpin a tiered implementation strategy, now formalised in a Request for Proposal (RFP) document.

7.3 Terminology

Standardised coded terminology is essential for pathology implementation because it distils the variability of terms to a single unambiguous identifier. Even seemingly straightforward terms can appear in multiple forms—such as *lymphovascular space invasion*, *lymphovascular invasion*, and *lymph-vascular invasion*—and translations into other languages further compound the challenge. Assigning each element (e.g., 'lymphovascular invasion') and its possible responses ('present', 'not identified', etc.) a unique SNOMED CT code, eliminates ambiguity, enables sophisticated computer queries, and ensures true interoperability across systems.

In early 2017, a concerted effort began to develop SNOMED CT content representing the data elements in ICCR datasets. This project is led by Professor Scott Campbell from University of Nebraska Medical Centre, USA, under the auspices of the International Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Special Interest Group (IPaLM SIG) of the International Health Terminology Standards Development Organisation (IHTSDO), an international non-profit organisation that owns SNOMED CT. SNOMED International formally embarked on the encoding of cancer reporting terminology as an official project, providing dedicated resources for content creation and publication.

The ICCR SNOMED Validation Standing Committee convenes fortnightly to refine the SNOMED CT bindings for ICCR dataset elements. An ongoing agreement with SNOMED International will permit the

free global distribution of the ICCR reference sets, including to jurisdictions that are not SNOMED members. A set of guiding principles has been established to govern the development, maintenance, and dissemination of these coding sets.

Overall, the project aims to align terminology development and cancer dataset development efforts to deliver fully computable, interoperable cancer reporting templates for use worldwide - facilitating consistent, high-quality pathology data for pathologists, clinicians, researchers, and public-health systems alike.

8. EDUCATION

Professor Scott Campbell (University of Nebraska Medical Centre, United States), Professor George Birdsong (Emory University School of Medicine, United States), Keren Hulkower (CAP) and Ted Carithers (CAP) presented to the November meeting of the DSC on 'The challenges of electrifying the ICCR Datasets'.

Professor Kieran Sheahan presented on the work of the ICCR in June at the Singapore International Academy of Pathology (SGIAP) – Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Pathology Webinar Series on upper gastrointestinal tract. The topic of Kieran Sheahan's presentation was 'ICCR: An update with emphasis on gastrointestinal cancer datasets'. Over 500 attendees joined the online presentation.

The ICCR, IARC and ESP co-hosted a Special joint session at the ECP held in Vienna in September titled 'Next level tumour classification'. The Special joint session was chaired by Professors Dilani Samarawickrema Lokuhetty, Kieran Sheahan and Peter Schirmacher.

The Special joint session included the following presentations (among others):

- Professor Dilani Samarawickrema Lokuhetty presented on the WHO 6th edition and lessons learned from the first volumes.
- Professor Scott Campbell presented on coding and what a pathologist needs to know.
- Professor Kieran Sheahan introduced the ICCR translation work.
- Professor Fernando Schmitt presented on the ICCR dataset translation work, specifically NCT generation challenge to structured pathology reporting.

A separate session was also held titled 'Synoptic reporting in GI pathology'. The session included the following presentations (among others):

- Professor Iris Nagtegaal presented on the ICCR datasets – the European/Netherlands perspective.
- Professor Christophe Rosty presented on datasets in GI pathology (including ICCR datasets) – contribution and collaboration with IARC/WHO.
- Professor Kieran Sheahan presented on the ICCR datasets in GI pathology – the way forward.

Approximately 385 volunteers annually provide their time and expertise to the ICCR.

9. FINANCES

9.1 Budget

The ICCR's financial year (FY) runs from 1 July to 30 June.

9.2 Audited financial statement

The ICCR financial status is audited yearly by BDO Chartered Accountants. A fully audited financial statement was prepared and tabled at the AGM held on 18th November 2025.

In summary, assets exceed liabilities and with continuing support from the member organisations.

BDO, in its report, did not raise any matters of concern.

9.3 Sustainability

While the membership and sponsorship provide funding for the continuation of ICCR's core business which is the development of cancer datasets, it does not allow for the necessary resources to push forward with translation, implementation, and education activities to the extent needed. The ICCR, therefore, has been investigating various potential fund-raising strategies with the kind assistance of Donna Meredith, Managing Director of Keystone Corporate Positioning, Australia.

9.4 Sponsorship

In addition to membership fees, the ICCR looks for sponsorship to help support the cost of development of datasets. The ICCR would like to express its gratitude to the following donors which provided donations in 2025:

- International Melanoma Pathology Study Group
- European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society.

10. APPENDIX

10.1 Published ICCR datasets

The following is a list of the latest editions of ICCR published datasets as of 31st December 2025:

Urinary/male genital

1. **Prostate cancer – radical prostatectomy specimen, 3rd edition**, which was developed for radical prostatectomy specimens for prostate carcinoma. Core biopsies and transurethral resection and enucleation specimens are dealt with in separate ICCR datasets. Rare urothelial carcinomas arising within the prostate are included in a separate ICCR dataset. Published: November 2024.
2. **Prostate cancer – transurethral resection and enucleation, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the examination of transurethral resection or enucleation (suprapubic/simple/open prostatectomy or laser enucleation) specimens of the prostate. The dataset applies to invasive carcinomas of the prostate gland. Core biopsies and radical prostatectomy specimens are dealt with in separate ICCR datasets. Urothelial carcinomas arising in the bladder or urethra are dealt with in separate datasets. Rare urothelial carcinomas arising within the prostate are included in a separate dataset. Published: November 2024.

3. **Prostate – core needle biopsy, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the examination of prostate core needle biopsies. The dataset applies to invasive carcinomas of the prostate gland. Transurethral resection and enucleation specimens and radical prostatectomy specimens are dealt with in separate ICCR datasets. Urothelial carcinomas arising in the bladder or urethra are dealt with in separate datasets. Rare urothelial carcinomas arising within the prostate are included in a separate dataset. Published: November 2024.
4. **Renal epithelial neoplasms, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of excision specimens of the kidney for neoplasms of renal tubular origin. Urothelial carcinoma arising from the upper renal tract, Wilms tumours and other nephroblastic and mesenchymal tumours are not included. Metastatic tumours are excluded from this dataset. This dataset is not to be used for clearly benign tumours, such as papillary adenoma and oncocytoma. However other neoplasms of uncertain behaviour (e.g., clear cell papillary tumours, other oncocytic tumours) may be reported using this dataset. Published: May 2025.
5. **Renal biopsy for tumour, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of neoplasms of renal tubular origin. Excision specimens are not included – a separate ICCR dataset is available and should be used for these cases. Published: May 2025.
6. **Carcinoma of the penis and distal urethra, 2nd edition**, which was developed for reporting of specimens from patients with carcinoma of the penis, including resection, biopsy, and lymphadenectomy. The protocol applies to primary carcinoma of the penis, as well as distal urethral squamous cell carcinomas (SCC) in males. SCCs of the fossa navicularis are reported using this dataset, while those arising from the proximal anterior urethra are reported using the ICCR Carcinomas of the urethra dataset. Melanomas and other urethral carcinomas are not included in the scope of this dataset – separate ICCR datasets are available and should be used for these neoplasms. Published: November 2024.
7. **Germ cell tumours of the testis – Orchidectomy, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of both partial and radical orchidectomy specimens from patients of any age with germ cell neoplasia of the testis. The dataset does not apply to sex cord-stromal tumours of the testis or to extra-gonadal germ cell tumours. The former have different criteria for malignancy from germ cell tumours, and the latter have an entirely separate staging system dependent on location. Sex cord stromal tumours are complex, with some types being entirely benign while others can be malignant. They are therefore too complex to include within this germ cell tumour focussed proforma. Paratesticular malignancies are also excluded for similar reasons. This dataset does not include information on the excision of residual metastatic masses after chemotherapy. Published: November 2024.
8. **Neoplasia of the testis – retroperitoneal lymphadenectomy, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of retroperitoneal and other lymphadenectomy specimens as well as visceral metastasis excision specimens from patients of any age with malignant tumours of the testis. The protocol applies to all malignant germ cell and sex cord-stromal tumours of the testis. Paratesticular malignancies are excluded. Published: November 2024.
9. **Carcinoma of the urethra – urethrectomy specimen, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens from patients with primary carcinoma (non-invasive and invasive) of the urethra. Biopsy and transurethral resection specimens are dealt with in a separate ICCR dataset. Carcinomas arising in the very distal penile urethra (fossa navicularis/merging with glans penis) are usually HPV-associated squamous cell carcinomas and are included in the ICCR Carcinoma of the penis and distal urethra dataset and are not to be reported using this dataset. This dataset is also used for adenocarcinoma arising in the accessory urethral glands (Skene, Littre, Cowper). Published: December 2025.

10. **Carcinoma of the renal pelvis and ureter – nephroureterectomy and ureterectomy specimen, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens from patients with primary carcinoma of the renal pelvis and ureter. The protocol applies to carcinomas (non-invasive and invasive), with or without associated epithelial lesions. Biopsy specimens are dealt with in a separate ICCR dataset. Published: December 2025.
11. **Carcinoma of the bladder – cystectomy, cystoprostatectomy and diverticulectomy specimen, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of cystectomy, cystoprostatectomy or diverticulectomy specimens from patients with carcinoma of the bladder. The protocol applies to primary carcinomas (non-invasive and invasive), with or without associated epithelial lesions. Biopsy and transurethral resection specimens are dealt with in a separate dataset. Published: December 2025.
12. **Urinary tract carcinoma – biopsy and transurethral resection specimen, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of biopsy and transurethral resection (TUR) specimens of the bladder, urethra, ureter and renal pelvis. The protocol applies to primary carcinomas (non-invasive and invasive), with or without associated epithelial lesions. Urothelial tumours diagnosed as papilloma or papillary urothelial neoplasm of low malignant potential are not carcinomas and this dataset does not apply to those diagnoses. The most distal portion of the penile urethra in the region of the glans penis is not included in this dataset; it is covered in the ICCR Carcinoma of the penis and distal urethra dataset. Biopsy of the kidney is dealt with in a separate ICCR dataset. Published: December 2025.

Female reproductive organs

1. **Endometrial cancer, 5th edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens of endometrial cancers, including carcinosarcomas. It is not applicable for small endometrial biopsy specimens. The 5th edition of this dataset incorporates the 2023 International Federation of Gynaecology and Obstetrics (FIGO) staging for endometrial carcinoma. Published: August 2024.
2. **Ovary, fallopian tube and primary peritoneal carcinoma, 2nd edition**, which was developed for reporting of resection specimens of primary borderline and malignant epithelial tumours of the ovary, fallopian tubes and peritoneum. It does not include non-epithelial ovarian neoplasms such as germ cell or sex cord stromal tumours or other primary peritoneal neoplasms such as mesothelioma. Published: September 2021.
3. **Carcinoma of the cervix, 5th edition**, which was developed for the reporting of pathology reporting of primary cervical carcinomas. Specimens include loop/cone excisions, trachelectomies, simple and radical hysterectomies and exenterations. The dataset applies to epithelial neoplasms only and does not apply to small biopsy specimens. The 5th edition of this dataset incorporates the 2021 Union for International Cancer Control (UICC) Cervix Uteri TNM. Published: October 2023.
4. **Carcinoma of the vagina, 1st edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens of primary carcinomas of the vagina (including carcinosarcomas). Haematopoietic neoplasms, mesenchymal neoplasms, mixed epithelial and mesenchymal neoplasms, malignant melanomas, other non-epithelial malignancies and metastatic tumours are excluded from this dataset. Due to the rarity of primary vaginal carcinomas, there is little published research regarding some of the elements included in this dataset and some of the parameters included are 'extrapolated' from primary cervical and vulval carcinomas and/or represent the opinions and experience of the members of the ICCR Carcinoma of the Vagina DAC. Published: August 2021.

5. **Carcinoma of the vulva, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens of primary carcinomas of the vulva. Haematopoietic neoplasms, mesenchymal neoplasms, mixed epithelial and mesenchymal neoplasms, malignant melanomas, other non-epithelial malignancies and metastatic tumours are excluded from this dataset. The 2nd edition of this dataset incorporates the 2021 FIGO staging for carcinoma of the vulva. Published: October 2023.
6. **Gestational trophoblastic neoplasia, 1st edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens for primary uterine gestational trophoblastic neoplasia which includes invasive hydatidiform mole of either complete or partial type, gestational choriocarcinoma, placental site trophoblastic tumour and epithelioid trophoblastic tumour. The dataset should be used primarily for hysterectomy specimens. This dataset may also be used for rare myomectomy specimens but not all elements will be applicable. The dataset is not intended to be used for extrauterine primary lesions. Non-gestational trophoblastic tumours (germ cell or somatic origin) and metastatic tumours are excluded from this dataset. Published: August 2021.
7. **Uterine malignant and potentially malignant mesenchymal tumours, 1st edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens of the uterus for sarcomas and mesenchymal tumours with potentially malignant behaviour. The dataset is applicable to tumours of the uterine corpus and the uterine cervix. Carcinomas, other non-mesenchymal malignancies and metastatic neoplasms are excluded from this dataset. Carcinosarcoma is also excluded as it is considered to represent a malignant epithelial tumour with divergent mesenchymal differentiation based on clinicopathologic, immunohistochemical and molecular analysis; as such, this entity is included in the ICCR Endometrial Cancer dataset. Published: August 2021.

Thorax

1. **Lung cancer, 4th edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens of malignant epithelial cancers of the lung. The dataset applies to small cell carcinoma and carcinoid tumours, as well as non-small cell types of lung carcinoma. It is not applicable for bronchoscopic and transthoracic biopsy specimens. Published: April 2023.
2. **Mesothelioma in the pleura and peritoneum, 3rd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of both biopsy and resection specimens of mesothelioma in the pleura, pericardium and peritoneum. Published: September 2022.
3. **Thymic epithelial tumours, 3rd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens of the thymus and is applicable for thymoma, neuroendocrine tumours of the thymus and thymic carcinoma. It does not apply to germ cell tumours, soft tissue tumours, haematolymphoid neoplasms, and other primary thymic neoplasms. Published: May 2022.
4. **Neoplasms of the heart, peritoneum and great vessels, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of biopsy and resection specimens of neoplasms of the heart, pericardium, and great vessels. It includes both benign and malignant primary tumours of the heart, pericardium and great vessels. It does not apply to mesothelioma and haematolymphoid neoplasms. Published: December 2021.
5. **Tumours of the lung – small diagnostic and cytopathological specimens, 1st edition**, which was developed for the reporting of small diagnostic biopsy specimens and cytopathological specimens of lung cancer. It can also be used for benign tumours or other non-neoplastic specimens at the discretion of the cytopathologist/pathologist. The dataset is also applicable

to fine needle aspiration biopsy or core needle biopsy or excision specimens of metastatic lesions from a primary lung cancer. Published: December 2023.

Digestive tract

1. **Intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma, perihilar cholangiocarcinoma and hepatocellular carcinoma, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens of the liver with intrahepatic, and perihilar cholangiocarcinoma and hepatocellular carcinoma. It does not apply to neuroendocrine carcinomas, hepatoblastoma, carcinomas of the extrahepatic bile ducts, gall bladder and benign lesions such as adenomas. Published: November 2020.
2. **Carcinoma of the exocrine pancreas, 1st edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens with carcinomas of the exocrine pancreas, i.e., ductal adenocarcinoma and acinar cell carcinoma. It excludes carcinoma of the ampulla of Vater, common bile duct and duodenum, neuroendocrine neoplasia, lymphoma, sarcoma and secondary tumours. Published: April 2020.
3. **Colorectal cancer, 1st edition**, which was developed for the reporting of surgical resection specimens from patients with primary carcinoma of the colon and rectum, including neuroendocrine carcinomas (NECs) and mixed neuroendocrine-non-neuroendocrine neoplasms (MiNENs). It is not applicable to carcinomas of the small intestine, appendix or anus, nor to neuroendocrine tumours (NETs) or non-epithelial malignancies. Primary colorectal carcinomas treated by local excision are not included. Published: April 2020.
4. **Colorectal excisional biopsy (polypectomy) specimen, 1st edition**, which was developed for the reporting of local excision specimens from the colon and rectum, including polypectomies, endoscopic mucosal resections (EMR), endoscopic submucosal dissections (ESD), endoscopic full thickness resections (EFTR), transanal submucosal excisions, transanal minimally invasive surgery (TAMIS) and transanal endoscopic microsurgery (TEMS) specimens. Surgical resection specimens from patients with primary carcinoma of the colon and rectum, including NECs and MiNENs, are excluded. Published: April 2020.
5. **Carcinomas of the stomach, 3rd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of gastrectomy for gastric carcinomas. Carcinomas involving the oesophagogastric junction (OGJ) with their epicentre >20 mm into the proximal stomach and cardia cancers that do not involve the OGJ are included. These criteria are set by the UICC/AJCC 8th edition Classifications and have been adopted by the WHO to define the diagnosis 'gastric cancer'. For all other tumours involving the OGJ, refer to the ICCR dataset for carcinomas of the oesophagus. NECs and MiNENs (with the exception of mixed adenoma and NETs) are included in this dataset. NETs, non-epithelial malignancies and secondary tumours are excluded from this dataset. Published: December 2025.
6. **Endoscopic resection of the stomach, 3rd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of endoscopic resection (ER) specimens of the stomach. Surgically resected specimens are covered in a separate ICCR dataset. Carcinomas involving the OGJ with their epicentre >20 mm into the proximal stomach and cardia cancers that do not involve the OGJ are included. These criteria are set by the UICC/AJCC on Cancer 8th edition TNM classifications and have been adopted by the WHO and define the diagnosis 'gastric cancer'. An ICCR dataset for carcinoma of the oesophagus is available for tumours not meeting these criteria. NECs and MiNENs (with the exception of mixed adenoma and NETs) are included in this dataset. NETs, non-epithelial malignancies, and secondary tumours are excluded from this dataset. Published: December 2025.

7. **Carcinomas of the oesophagus, 3rd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens of the oesophagus. Carcinomas involving the OGJ with tumour epicentre ≤ 20 mm into the proximal stomach are included. A separate ICCR dataset is available for endoscopic resections of the oesophagus and oesophagogastric junction. NEC and MiNEN of the oesophagus are included. NET, non-epithelial malignancies such as melanoma, and secondary tumours are excluded. Published: December 2025.
8. **Endoscopic resection of the oesophagus and oesophagogastric junction, 3rd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of ER of pre-malignant and malignant lesions of the oesophagus and OGJ. Surgically resected specimens are covered in a separate ICCR dataset. NEC and MiNEN of the oesophagus are included. NET, non-epithelial malignancies such as melanoma, and secondary tumours are excluded. Published: December 2025.

Skin

1. **Invasive melanoma, 3rd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of primary cutaneous invasive melanoma. The ICCR Invasive melanoma in the setting of neoadjuvant therapy may be used, as appropriate, in conjunction with this dataset. Separate ICCR datasets are also available for reporting mucosal melanomas of the head and neck and Merkel cell carcinoma. The third edition of this dataset includes changes to align the dataset with the WHO Classification of Skin Tumours, 5th edition, 2025. Published: January 2026.
2. **Merkel cell carcinoma, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of primary cutaneous Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC) in excision (resection) specimens containing tumour. A separate ICCR dataset is available for reporting invasive melanoma. The second edition of this dataset includes changes to align the dataset with the WHO Classification of Skin Tumours, 5th edition, 2025. Published: January 2026.

Central nervous system

1. **Tumours of the central nervous system (CNS), 2nd edition**, which is split into three sections:
 - a. Histological assessment of CNS specimens. It is intended that this section should be used in conjunction with the other sections, where appropriate. A complete diagnosis of CNS tumours should ideally conform to the final integrated diagnoses in the 2021 WHO Classification of Tumours of the CNS, which for most tumour types now require integration of elements from histological and ancillary analyses. Nonetheless, it is realised that some diagnoses may not fit precisely within existing diagnostic categories.
 - b. Molecular information for CNS specimens. This section has been developed for the molecular assessment of primary CNS tumours, whether that molecular assessment is nucleic acid or protein-based. This section is to be used for those tumours in which molecular information is captured for diagnostic purposes.
 - c. Final integrated report/diagnosis for CNS specimens. This dataset section should be used in conjunction with the sections on 'Histological assessment' and 'Molecular information', where appropriate.

Published: September 2024.

Head and neck

1. **Carcinomas of the nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection and biopsy specimens of mucosal malignancies originating in the nasal cavities and paranasal sinuses. Malignancies at the border of skull base are included. Neuroendocrine neoplasms are also included. Bone, soft tissue and lymphoma protocols are separately listed. Neck dissections and nodal excisions are dealt with in a separate dataset, and this dataset should be used in conjunction, where applicable. Published: July 2024.
2. **Carcinomas of the hypopharynx, larynx and trachea, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection and biopsy specimens of invasive epithelial malignancies of the larynx, hypopharynx and trachea. Salivary-type malignancies arising from minor mucoserous glands of the hypopharynx and larynx should be recorded in this dataset. Mucosal melanoma is presented in a separate dataset. Lymphomas and sarcomas are not included. Malignancies arising at other sites in the head and neck region, and neck dissections and nodal excisions are dealt with in separate datasets which may be used, as appropriate, in conjunction with this dataset. Where more than one anatomically or histologically distinct primary tumours occur, a separate dataset should be completed for each tumour. Published: July 2024.
3. **Carcinomas of the oral cavity, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection and excisional biopsy specimens of malignancies of the oral cavity, including mucosal lip and tongue (mucosal carcinomas, minor salivary gland malignancies, and neuroendocrine tumours). Mucosal melanoma, lymphomas and sarcomas are dealt with in separate ICCR datasets. Published: July 2024.
4. **Carcinomas of the oropharynx and nasopharynx, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection and biopsy specimens of the oropharynx and nasopharynx. The protocol applies to all primary carcinomas (including of minor salivary glands) of the nasopharynx and oropharynx, the latter including the base of tongue, tonsils, tonsillar fossa, tonsillar pillars, soft palate, posterior and lateral walls, and uvula. Lymphomas and sarcomas are not included. Published: July 2024.
5. **Carcinomas of the major salivary glands, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of primary cancer resection and biopsy specimens of malignancies arising from the major salivary glands (parotid, submandibular and sublingual glands). For resections of recurrent disease, the reporting guide may be used pragmatically although some data elements may be not applicable nor assessable. Melanomas, lymphomas, and sarcomas are dealt with in separate datasets. Minor salivary gland malignancies arising in the oral cavity, nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses, larynx, hypopharynx, trachea, nasopharynx, oropharynx, gnathic bones, and ear-temporal bone specimens are staged according to their anatomical sub-site and are dealt with in separate ICCR datasets. Published: July 2024.
6. **Malignant odontogenic tumours, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of excision biopsy and resection specimens for malignant primary odontogenic (carcinoma and sarcoma) tumours. Malignant neoplasms arising in the nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses, oral cavity, salivary glands, trachea, pharynx and larynx are dealt with in separate datasets. Non-odontogenic bone, soft tissue and lymphoma protocols are also dealt with in separate datasets. In addition, neck dissections and nodal excisions are dealt with in a separate dataset, and this dataset should be used in conjunction, where applicable. Published: July 2024.
7. **Ear and temporal bone tumours, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection and biopsy specimens of the ear and temporal bone. It includes only primary tumours of the external auditory canal, middle and inner ear, including both benign and malignant

entities (specifically due to anatomic confines and management alternatives which may require significant, destructive or disfiguring surgery). By definition, all malignancies of the external ear (pinna, concha, scaphoid, lobe, etc., such as squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), basal cell carcinoma, pleomorphic dermal sarcoma, Merkel cell carcinoma and melanoma) are separately covered by the ICCR Skin Datasets. Published: July 2024.

8. **Mucosal melanomas of the head and neck, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection and biopsy specimens of mucosal melanoma arising in the nasopharynx, oropharynx, larynx, hypopharynx, oral cavity, nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses. All other malignancies and tumour categories are dealt with in separate datasets, specifically cutaneous melanoma is separately reported. Direct extension of a cutaneous primary into a mucosal site should be excluded and would not be reported in this dataset. Metastasis to a head and neck mucosal site is also excluded. Published: July 2024.
9. **Nodal excisions and neck dissection specimen, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection and biopsy specimens of mucosal melanoma arising in the nasal cavity and paranasal sinuses, oral cavity, nasopharynx, oropharynx, larynx and hypopharynx. All other malignancies are dealt with in separate ICCR datasets, specifically cutaneous melanoma is separately reported. Direct extension of a cutaneous primary into a mucosal site should be excluded and would not be reported in this dataset. Metastatic melanoma to a head and neck mucosal site is also excluded. Neck lymph node dissections and excisions are dealt with in a separate dataset, and this dataset should be used in conjunction, where applicable. Published: July 2024.

Endocrine

1. **Carcinoma of the adrenal cortex, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of malignant adrenal cortical resection specimens. Borderline (low-malignant potential lesions) are included, along with paediatric adrenal cortical carcinomas. Core needle biopsies, benign adrenal cortical lesions and tumours, as well as sarcoma, lymphoma and metastases are not included. Neuroblastoma and ganglioneuroblastomas are not covered in the dataset. Other tumours of the adrenal medulla (e.g., paraganglioma) are dealt with in a separate dataset. Published: November 2025.
2. **Parathyroid carcinoma and atypical parathyroid neoplasm, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of parathyroid resection specimens when the diagnosis is atypical parathyroid neoplasm (atypical parathyroid adenoma or carcinoma). No dataset is utilised for parathyroid hyperplasia or parathyroid adenoma of usual type. Biopsies are not included. Sarcoma, lymphoma and metastasis are not covered in this dataset. Published: November 2025.
3. **Phaeochromocytoma and paraganglioma, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of adrenalectomy/partial adrenalectomy specimens for phaeochromocytoma, other excisions for paragangliomas and biopsies of related specimens. Sarcoma, lymphoma and metastasis to the adrenal medulla are not covered in this dataset. Neuroblastoma and ganglioneuroblastoma are covered in a separate ICCR dataset. Adrenal cortical tumours are dealt with in a separate ICCR dataset. Published: November 2025.
4. **Carcinoma of the thyroid, 3rd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of thyroid resection specimens for carcinoma. Core needle biopsies and metastasis to the thyroid gland are not included. Non-invasive follicular thyroid neoplasm with papillary-like nuclear features (NIFTP), tumours of uncertain malignant potential (UMP), thyroid carcinomas arising from struma ovarii, thyroid carcinomas arising in thyroglossal duct cysts, sarcomas and lymphomas are not covered in the dataset. Published: November 2025.

Soft tissue and bone

1. **Primary tumour in bone – biopsy specimens, 1st edition**, which was developed for the pathology reporting of biopsy specimens of primary tumour in bone. Ewing sarcoma and related round cell sarcomas with primary bone presentation are also covered by this dataset. A separate dataset is available for reporting of resection specimens of primary tumour in bone. Some types of soft tissue sarcoma may on rare occasion arise primarily in bone and should be reported using the primary tumour in bone dataset, rather than the soft tissue sarcoma dataset. If biopsies are taken from multiple tumour nodules at different sites, these should be documented separately. Haematologic malignancies and metastatic specimens are excluded from this dataset. Published: April 2021.
2. **Primary tumour in bone – resection specimens, 1st edition**, which was developed for the pathology reporting of resection specimens of primary tumour in bone. Ewing sarcoma and related round cell sarcomas with primary bone presentation are also covered in this dataset. A separate dataset is available for reporting biopsy specimens of primary tumour in bone. Some types of soft tissue sarcoma may on rare occasions arise primarily in bone and should be reported using the primary tumour in bone dataset, rather than the soft tissue sarcoma dataset. Haematologic malignancies and metastatic specimens are excluded from this dataset. Published: April 2021.
3. **Gastrointestinal stromal tumour (GIST) – biopsy specimens, 1st edition**, which was developed for the pathology reporting of biopsy specimens for GIST. Metastatic GIST specimens are excluded from this dataset. Published: April 2021.
4. **Gastrointestinal stromal tumour (GIST) – resection specimens, 1st edition**, which was developed for the pathology reporting of resection specimens for GIST. Metastatic GIST specimens are excluded from this dataset. Published: April 2021.
5. **Soft tissue sarcoma – biopsy specimens, 1st edition**, which was developed for the pathology reporting of biopsy specimens for soft tissue sarcomas. Adult rhabdomyosarcoma is also included in this dataset. A separate ICCR dataset is available for reporting of resection specimens for soft tissue sarcomas. Some soft tissue tumours which rarely arise primarily in bone should be reported using the ICCR primary tumour in bone datasets. Lymphoma, uterine sarcoma, paediatric rhabdomyosarcoma and metastases are excluded from this dataset. GIST are also not included in this dataset as GIST displays a number of unique features which warrant its separate consideration; separate ICCR datasets for GIST are available. Published: April 2021.
6. **Soft tissue sarcoma – resection specimens, 1st edition**, which was developed for the pathology reporting of resection specimens for soft tissue sarcomas. Adult rhabdomyosarcoma is also included in this dataset. A separate ICCR dataset is available for reporting of biopsy specimens for soft tissue sarcomas. Some soft tissue tumours which rarely arise primarily in bone and in this case should be reported using the ICCR primary tumour in bone datasets. Lymphoma, uterine sarcoma, paediatric rhabdomyosarcoma and metastases are excluded from this dataset. GIST are also not included in this dataset as GIST displays a number of unique features which warrant its separate consideration; separate ICCR datasets for GIST are available. Published: April 2021.

Breast

1. **Ductal carcinoma in situ, variants of lobular carcinoma in situ and low-grade lesions, 1st edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens for ductal carcinoma in situ (DCIS) of the breast. The protocol applies to cases of DCIS and for where microinvasion (≤ 1 mm) is present. It also covers other in situ lesions including pleomorphic and florid variants of lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS), as well as encapsulated papillary carcinoma and solid papillary carcinoma in situ. This dataset may also be used in those rare cases of DCIS removed at core biopsy but without evidence of residual DCIS in a subsequent excision specimen. This protocol should only be used for re-excisions when they contain the largest extent of DCIS. A separate dataset should be completed for bilateral DCIS and for each excision specimen in unilateral disease. DCIS (with or without microinvasion) diagnosed on needle core biopsies only, and residual DCIS post neoadjuvant therapy are outside the scope. Separate ICCR datasets cover DCIS associated with invasive breast carcinomas and breast resections in the neoadjuvant setting. Surgically removed lymph nodes are covered in a separate ICCR dataset which may be used, as appropriate, in conjunction with this dataset. Published: June 2021.
2. **Invasive carcinoma of the breast, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens from patients with invasive carcinoma of the breast, with or without DCIS. DCIS without invasive carcinoma and microinvasive carcinoma (≤ 1 mm) are dealt with in a separate ICCR dataset. Ipsilateral multifocal disease should be dealt with in a single report. For bilateral invasive breast tumours, a separate dataset should be completed for each side. Surgically removed lymph nodes are dealt with in a separate ICCR dataset which may be used, as appropriate, in conjunction with this dataset. Invasive breast cancer for the post neoadjuvant setting is also dealt with in a separate ICCR dataset. Published: June 2022.
3. **Invasive carcinoma of the breast in the setting of neoadjuvant therapy, 2nd edition**, which was developed for the reporting of resection specimens after neoadjuvant therapy from patients with invasive carcinoma of the breast with or without DCIS. This dataset is for post-treatment surgical specimens. Core needle biopsies are not included. Published: May 2023.
4. **Surgically removed lymph nodes for breast tumours, 1st edition**, which was developed for the reporting of surgically removed ipsilateral lymph nodes (including lymph node dissection, targeted axillary surgery, nodal sampling and sentinel node biopsy specimens) for breast tumours. It is not intended for use in reporting core biopsy or fine needle aspiration of lymph nodes. The assessment of ipsilateral lymph nodes is part of nodal staging of breast cancer, whereas the rare contralateral lymph node involvement is currently interpreted as distant metastasis and is not part of the dataset. The reporting of invasive breast cancer and in situ disease (DCIS, pleomorphic and florid LCIS, encapsulated papillary carcinoma and solid papillary carcinoma in situ) are dealt with in separate ICCR datasets which may be used, as appropriate, in conjunction with this dataset. Published: May 2021.

Paediatrics

1. **Paediatric renal tumours, 1st edition**, which was developed for the pathology reporting of resection specimens from paediatric patients with nephroblastoma also known as Wilms tumour, and all other renal tumours of childhood except renal cell carcinomas. It does not apply to procedures involving only biopsy. Published: November 2023.
2. **Paediatric rhabdomyosarcoma, 1st edition**, which was developed for the pathological reporting of biopsy and resection specimens of paediatric rhabdomyosarcoma. The dataset covers both pre- and post-treatment specimens. Published: November 2023.

3. **Neuroblastoma, 1st edition**, which was developed for the pathological reporting of biopsy and resection specimens of paediatric peripheral neuroblastic tumours. Published: November 2023.
4. **Hepatoblastoma, 1st edition**, which was developed for the pathological reporting of resection specimens of paediatric hepatoblastoma, including tumours in the hepatocellular neoplasm not otherwise specified category. It is not applicable to hepatocellular carcinomas nor to other primary or metastatic paediatric neoplasms of the liver. Published: November 2023.

10.2 ICCR dataset related peer-reviewed publications

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