

Data Conversion FAQ

OncoLog Cancer Registry Software
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What is data conversion?

Data conversion is the process of translating the fields in your current database data file to OncoLog's database files. The conversion is based on mapping all standard NAACCR (North American Association of Central Cancer Registries) fields in your current data file to similar fields in OncoLog's data file.

What does the data conversion include?

Data conversion is primarily the migration of standard NAACCR data elements into the OncoLog database. Fields that are determined not to be part of the standard NAACCR record are considered "custom" fields and are quoted separately.

When will Onco begin my data conversion and what is my responsibility?

Onco, Inc.'s data conversion team will contact you to initiate the conversion process upon our receipt of your initial down payment. You will be asked to submit the physician file and/or hospital file from your previous database. Please be prepared to send a sample of your data file as soon as possible in NAACCR file format. When sending your data, please choose the appropriate media required to preserve the confidentiality of your data. We prefer to receive data via CD-ROM disk if possible.

When will my data conversion be ready?

A project schedule will be established during your initial conversations with your Onco Sales Representative. Continuous communication during the data conversion process is essential to maintaining this timeline. Typically, from the time when Onco receives your initial download, it is approximately four weeks later that the initial data conversion will be shipped to you for installation. You will receive detailed installation instructions. The data will be loaded initially into a temporary download database. This will provide you with the means to analyze your initial data conversion. Generally, training takes place within a few days of your receipt of the initial conversion. Then a period of time is allotted for data conversion checking and validation by your registry staff (usually 14 working days). Should any issues be identified, they are to be reported to the Onco Data Conversion team. Onco will make every attempt to rectify any reported problems. A second cut of the conversion will be sent to you for rechecking, to assure that the reported problems were corrected. Onco will then work with you to schedule a final download and final conversion. Typically, actual downtime is three to four business days.

Can I enter new cases while the data is being converted?

Yes, you will be able to continue using your old software system during the time that your data is being converted (this assumes a final download of your data from your old system).