



Canadian Organ Replacement Register (CORR)

Fall 2007



Introduction

Welcome to the fall 2007 quarterly update for the Canadian Organ Replacement Register (CORR). The purpose of this update is to communicate new and pertinent information on the CORR and to augment client-support activities. Each update features content relevant to data collection, quality or submission, or to the clinical or technical needs of participating CORR stakeholders.

Towards More Timely Data

Collaborative Efforts

A long-standing and collaborative partnership between CORR and our participating data submitters (nephrology centres, transplant surgery centres and organ procurement organizations [OPOs]) continues to grow, with several initiatives currently under way. For example, CIHI, in collaboration with the clinical community, is currently working on improving the timeliness of CORR data through the implementation of **continuous reporting** to the register. The move to continuous reporting will result in more timely data submission and will allow the CORR team to input the data in a more timely way.

Many of the centres and OPOs are now participating in continuous reporting to CORR, rather than an annual submission. The proportion of continuous-reporting data (by centre) is estimated on the basis of 2006 data received. Some centres have submitted more than 50% of their anticipated cases (using previous year's numbers as an estimate of anticipated volume).

Summary of Overall Progress

A few hospitals in particular stand out in setting the standard for the move to continuous reporting. Among dialysis centres, **Nova Scotia—South West Health—Yarmouth Regional Hospital** has already reported more cases than last year, and the **St. John New Brunswick OPO** has reported more donor recruitment than last year. Three transplant facilities (**Foothills Medical Centre, Alberta, Health Sciences Centre, Manitoba, and IWK Grace Health Centre, Nova Scotia**) have already submitted data on the same number of transplanted patients as they reported for the previous year.

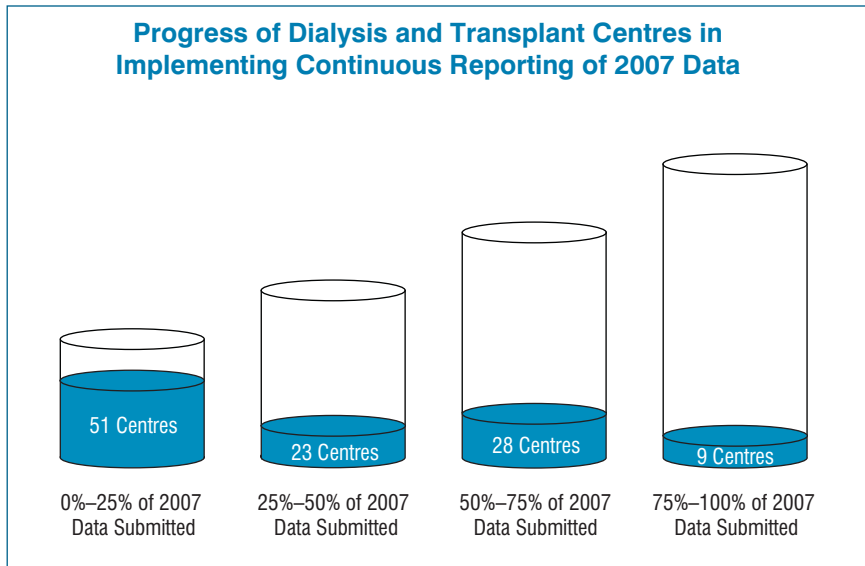
Congratulations to these facilities for their efforts and for setting the standard in continuous reporting to CORR.

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For this newsletter, we provided in-depth continuous reporting updates on transplant and dialysis facilities. We will continue to provide more detailed reporting on transplant and dialysis centres, as well on as the progress of the OPOs in achieving continuous reporting, in upcoming newsletters. We will be in contact with the program directors of those centres that have a low rate of continuous reporting over the next two months.



Source: Canadian Organ Replacement Register, Canadian Institute for Health Information, 2007.

Focus on Data Timeliness

CIHI is committed to producing information in as timely a way as possible. In view of this commitment, and in response to your feedback regarding a desire for the most timely data possible, there has been a focused strategy put in place for CORR this quarter to ensure improved timeliness of the data and the dissemination of the report.

We have made significant progress in improving the collection of the data (through continuous reporting); the capture of the data (through focused data-entry initiatives); and the timeliness, availability and dissemination of the data. We produced centre-specific reports, which were made available to the facilities in the summer. As a result of these efforts, we are on target for producing and distributing our annual report several months earlier than last year (December 2007).

New Frontiers for CORR

CORR Electronic Submission Feasibility Study

In parallel with data-timeliness initiatives, CIHI has undertaken a project to explore and document the feasibility of implementing a national electronic or web-based application for the collection of information on end-stage organ failure and its treatment in Canada. This initiative sets the stage for a major step forward for CORR, from utilizing a completely paper-based system to more fully understanding the range of potential alternatives for data submission. Progress on this initiative will be shared in the quarter 4 report.

Data Quality Is Key at CIHI

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) strives to ensure that the quality of the information in its data holdings is suited for the intended use. CORR has been a leader in developing a data quality assessment for each annual report. The CORR Data Quality Assessment report for the current year is available online at www.cihi.ca/corr under the Annual Report heading.

CORR Comorbidity Study

September 2007 marked the launch of the *CORR Reabstraction Study*. This study is a collaborative effort between CIHI's data quality department, the CORR team at CIHI and 29 facilities who are welcoming our team to their institutions to undertake this important study.

Other CORR Activities—July to September 2007

Event/Product	Dates	Description	Available
Presentations, Papers, etc.	September 24, 2007	2 presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Survival in Liver Transplant Patients With a Hepatitis C Infection</i> • <i>Health Outcomes in Diabetic Patients on Dialysis and With Kidney Transplant</i> 	Data Users Conference
	September 30, 2007	Paper published: <i>Trends in Incidence of Treated End-Stage Renal Disease, Overall and by Primary Renal Disease, in Persons Aged 20–64 Years in Europe, Canada and the Asia-Pacific Region, 1998–2002</i>	PubMed
E-Statistics Update	September 5, 2007	Number of organ transplants and donors, and wait time information, for January to June 2007 www.cihi.ca/corr	October 30, 2007
Centre-Specific Reports	August 8, 2007	Centre-specific reports on patient activity and outcomes of end-stage organ failure care	Program managers

Meet and Greet CORR

CORR will host a booth at the Canadian Society of Nephrology Conference (May 28 to June 1, 2008) and at the Canadian Society of Transplantation Conference (February 28 to March 2, 2008).

CORR participating surgeons, nephrologists and prospective stakeholders are encouraged to visit the CORR booth!



FAQ Corner

How do I submit a record-level or aggregate data request for CORR data?

At CIHI, the process for obtaining record- or aggregate-level data requires completion of the Data Request Form, which can be easily accessed through www.cihi.ca/corr (follow the corr@cihi.ca link). This form must be completed, signed and faxed to the attention of CORR at 416-481-2950.

Can data be sent to clients by email?

CIHI's privacy and confidentiality policies are put in place to protect personal health information. As a result, CIHI offers transmission of the requested data only via password-protected file on a CD via courier.

How do I obtain more data-collection forms or self-addressed envelopes?

Data request forms and return self-addressed envelopes may be obtained by sending a request to corr@cihi.ca.

Contact Us

CORR client support can be accessed by email at corr@cihi.ca. Please visit the CORR website at www.cihi.ca/corr for further information about new developments, current CORR products and other related content.

We encourage you to share any feedback you may have on this quarterly report, as well as ideas for information you would like to see in future reports.

About CIHI

The Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) collects and analyzes information on health and health care in Canada and makes it publicly available. Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments created CIHI as a not-for-profit, independent organization dedicated to forging a common approach to Canadian health information. CIHI's goal: to provide timely, accurate and comparable information. CIHI's data and reports inform health policies, support the effective delivery of health services and raise awareness among Canadians of the factors that contribute to good health.