APPENDIX B:
REGULATIONS FOR DISEASE REPORTING AND CONTROL

STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

PART I

DEFINITIONS

12 VAC 5-90-10. Definitions.

"Cancer" means all carcinomas, sarcomas, melanomas, leukemias, and lymphomas, excluding localized basal and squamous cell carcinomas of the skin, except for lesions of the mucous membranes.

PART VIII

CANCER REPORTING

12 VAC 5-90-150. Authority

Article 9 (§ 32.1-70 et seq.) of Title 32.1 of the *Code of Virginia* authorized the establishment of a statewide cancer registry.

12 VAC5-90-160. Reportable Cancers and Tumors.

Clinically or pathologically diagnosed cancers, as defined in 12 CAC 5-90-10, and benign brain and central nervous system tumors shall be reported to the Virginia Cancer Registry in the department. Carcinoma of the cervix is not reportable.

12 VAC 5-90-170. Those Required to Report.

Any person in charge of a medical care facility, clinic, or independent pathology laboratory which diagnoses or treats cancer patients is required to report. Physicians are required to report cases of cancer in those instances when it has been determined that a medical care facility, clinic or in-state pathology laboratory has not reported. Any person making such report shall be immune from liability as provided by § 32.1-38 of the *Code of Virginia*.

12 VAC 5-90-180. Report Contents and Procedures.

Each report shall include the patient's name, address (including county or independent city of residence), age, date of birth, sex, date of diagnosis, date of admission or first contact, primary site of cancer, histology (including type, behavior, and grade), basis of diagnosis, social security number, laterality, stage, treatment, recurrence information (when applicable), name of reporting facility, vital status, cause of death (when applicable), date of last contact, history of tobacco and alcohol use, and history of service in Vietnam and exposure to dioxin-containing compounds, when applicable.

Reporting shall be by electronic means where possible. Output file formats shall conform to the most recent version of the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries' (NAACCR) standard data file layout. Facilities without electronic reporting means and physicians shall submit the required information on the Virginia Cancer Registry Reporting Form. A copy of the pathology report(s) should accompany each completed reporting form, when available. Medical care facilities

and clinics reporting via the reporting form should also submit a copy of the admission form and discharge summary.

12 VAC 5-90-180. Report Contents and Procedures (continued).

Reports shall be made within six months of the diagnosis of cancer and submitted to the Virginia Cancer Registry on a monthly basis. Cancer programs conduction annual follow-up on patients shall submit follow-up data monthly in an electronic format approved by the Virginia Cancer Registry.

The entire regulations document is available online at:

http://www.vdh.state.va.us/epi/regs.pdf