Q&A CanReg Webinar 2 – Installation and Setup
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Q: ICD-O-3 has been updated very recently, with the new codes being used as of 1st January 2012. Does the latest version of CanReg already hold these updates?
A: No, these changes have not yet been included in CanReg5. Including these changes might have implications on what is already coded in CanReg systems around the world, so this issue needs careful consideration.

Q: The next webinar will cover migration from CanReg4. What about other databases, such as Excel ? (In our registry we use excel files containing all variables before migrating them to our current database.)
A: There are no plans for webinars on migration from other databases because those processes will have to be tailored for each individual registry.
The important thing to keep in mind is that CanReg requires everything to be coded *exactly* the way you have set up the CanReg database.

Q: Can you migrate the back-up from one machine to another machine with a modified database?
A: These are two different concepts.
To move a database to another machine is simply a matter of taking a backup and restoring this.
If you want to modify the database, you first need to export the data, delete the old database and make your changes before importing the data again.

Q: Can you save backups and restore from backup using a USB drive? How can you change the destination of the backup file?
A: CanReg always puts the backup in a dedicated folder on the server machine.
To copy it elsewhere you need access to that folder. Then you can copy the backup as you would with any other file. (I recommend zipping it first – potentially with (AES or similar) encryption.)

Q: Is it always necessary to export your data in different tables (tumour, patient, source) in order to import into a different computer? Can it be combined as one?
A: If you want to get your data to another computer, the best is just to just perform a backup on the machine you want to move from and restore that.
If you want to export the data and import it into an empty or existing CanReg5 database it is necessary to export the 3 tables separately.

Q: Is always necessary to maintain age (variable) in the tumour record?
A: Yes. Age is a typical tumour-level variable as it will change if the patient has another tumour.

Q: How does the CanReg 5 assign the reg number when entry is at multiple level?
A: The server handles the numbering of cases (reg number), so if you enter the cases on computers connected to the server there are no problems.
If you register cases "offline" you have to set up each "offline" database with its own series of registration numbers, i.e. by starting recording cases as 2012LY000001 on one machine and 2012MA000001 on another.

Q: If we have the year and not the date and month, can you also enter 00/00/40 for someone born in 1940?
A: First of all, CanReg only accepts dates as YYYYMMDD, year followed by month followed by day, so you would have to write 19400000.
This is valid, but I always recommend using 9s as unknowns in this case, since 0s are the default value in many programs for numbers.
Using 9s to code unknown lets you flag these as "real" unknowns.

Q: Will a new version of CanReg5 be published until the next webinar, 31st May?
A: Yes. I try to put out new versions of CanReg monthly. Updates contain anything from bug fixes to new features. The update before the next webinar won't be a major release, but rather an update. Details about each release are given within the CanReg5 program.

Q: What are the minimum system requirements for a computer to install and run CanReg5?
A: Minimum system requirements are basically the same as the ones from the Java Runtime Environment (RTE), but it depends on what features you want to use in CanReg and how big your database is. For a server machine it is recommended to have a fairly recent stationary computer.

Q: How do we change the login particulars; change "morten ervik"
A: You can add as many users as you want and assign different user levels within CanReg5 using the built-in User Manager tool. (You should also then remove the "morten" user.)

Q: How do we delete a record?
A: From the record editor you can delete records by clicking the "Menu" button and choosing "Delete".

Q: How to call a list of pending records for example
A: Filter on record status in the browser inside CanReg5. (In most cases: RecS = '0')

Q: So far a list of patients already captured shows and I usually go down the list. Is it possible to just retrieve one case?
A: You need to filter them like in the previous question.

Q: If there is already stored some data and we add a new field what happens to the already stored data?
A: You need to export the old data, then delete the database before adding a new field. Afterwards you'll have to import it to the database again. (Please take a backup first!)

Q: Does it work in OS 64 bit?
A: Yes.

Q: Does it have a 'rare case dictionary'?
A: If by this you mean a list of all rare cases, you can filter the cases in the browser by this.

Q: Can we install CanReg5 in our data sources for example our hospitals and get their reports electronically (I mean, online registration)?
A: CanReg5 does not officially support this yet, but it has been used in some cases to do this since it is based on standard TCP/IP communication. The important thing then is to tunnel your traffic between client and server over secure channels using VPN/SSH etc.

Q: Can I do survival analysis using CanReg5?
A: Not yet- we hope to work on this by the end of the year. In the meantime, you can add the necessary variables, and then export the data to do survival analysis elsewhere.

Q: Will you hold a webinar on data analysis?
A: Yes. After some webinars on how to get the data into CanReg, there will be (at least) one on Data Analysis.