The cancer registry of the Division of Hematology Oncology has enjoyed great success this year and is now pleased to announce that this past August, 2006, our cancer program team achieved full approval, with Seven Commendation award, from the Commission on Cancer. The Commission on Cancer recognized our facility’s commitment to our community and to the patients with cancer seen at our Institution. This was demonstrated not only by the many years of arduous work and perseverance, but by the organization of the cancer services, scope of high quality care provided either on site or by referral, and through a program of studies of quality and implemented changes that improve access to care an outcomes. It was through the vision and focus of Dr. Enrique Escalon, Cancer Committee Chairman and the commitment to the continued improvement of our cancer program, that we were able to continue on track until we ultimately accomplished that which we had set out to do in early 2003.

The Cancer Registry Program of the Division of Hematology Oncology was awarded with the Florida Cancer Data Systems (FCDS) 2006 Jean Byers Award for Excellence in Cancer Registration.

On April 10, 2007, Pascale B. Prepetit, MSHS, RHIA, CCS, Director, Health Information Management at MCH transferred the full responsibilities of the FCDS data base reporting to the Tumor Registrar’s responsibility under the direction of Dr. Enrique Escalon. This transfer was approved by Mr. Kevin Hammeran, COO, Administrative Services.

In 2006, one hundred and twenty five (125) new cancer cases were diagnosed and/or treated at Miami Children’s Hospital, of which one-hundred and fifteen (115) were FCDS reportable. Of these cases 94% were analytic, meaning they received all or part of their first course of treatment at the hospital. Non-analytic cases, those initially treated elsewhere and referred to Miami Children’s Hospital for recurrence or subsequent treatment represented 6%. The majority of the patients lived in Dade County (53%), while 37% came from other counties of the state and 3% from out of State. An additional 7% were referred from foreign countries.

Miami Children’s Hospital top five analytic cancer sites for 2006 are Brain and Central Nervous System 42.6% (46 cases), Leukemia 18.5% (20 cases), Endocrine 9.3% (10 cases), Bone 8.3% (9 cases) and Lymphatic System 7.4% (8 Lymphomas).

Of the total 50.43% were female, and 49.57% were male. Furthermore, 83% were white; 16% were African-American; 1% other. 55% were Hispanic and 45% were Non-Hispanic.

The current follow-up rate of our patients is 96.3%, the target rate is 80%. The cancer registry data quality control of 10% of analytic cases as per CoC standards was conducted twice during the year of 2006 with Cancer Committee participation and approval to ensure integrity of cancer registry data base.

A multidisciplinary Cancer Conference is held weekly on Wednesday to provide consultative services to cancer patients with a total of 228 cases presented for the year of 2006. Eighty-four percent (84%) of the cases were prospective and sixteen percent (16%) retrospective.

Members of the registry participated in several Teleconferences of the Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS), and CoC.