



# CRStar Insights

## Utilizing the Texas Vital Status Report

CRStar by Health Catalyst offers a free import for all Texas clients. The details in this Insight were released by the state of Texas on September 30, 2020. Details, such as date of last contact and cancer status, are provided by the state of Texas.

This information provided is collected from the following data linkages:


- TX State Mortality File
- TX Hospital I/O Discharge data
- Accurant LexisNexis Data
- Social Security Death Index
- TX Voter Registration
- Facility Reports
- National Death Index
- TX Vehicle Registration Data

If a user is interested in obtaining this file, perform the following steps and provide the following information that is requested by the Texas Cancer Registry.

1. The facility emails TCR requesting the Vital Status Report.
2. TCR asks for the following information from the requester:
  - TCR Facility ID(s)
  - Admission years of interest
  - Vital status: Both (alive and deceased) or deceased only
  - Case type: Analytic cases only or all cases including nonanalytic cases
  - File format: Excel (.xlsx), comma-separated values (.csv), or NAACCR V18 fixed width file (.dat)
  - Any other exclusions: **CRStar can accept all these layouts.**
3. After the file is received from the Texas Cancer Registry, please open a ticket for the CRStar support team to assist in testing the file provided and the import settings.

### Questions:

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