

MCR MINI-UPDATE MARCH 2018

Fellow Registrars,

Signs of spring this week have given me renewed energy for the season ahead. You will see below that March is expected to be a big month for release of 2018 abstracting resources. We are also approaching our annual National Cancer Registrars Week celebrations the week of April 9-13. MCR is planning a luncheon in Columbia – details will be provided in my April Update. I hope that some of you will be able to join us!

DUE DATES

Large hospitals (>500 cases/yr.) are to report August 2017 cases by March 15 and smaller facilities (<300 cases /yr.) report the 3rd Quarter of 2017 by April 15.

EDUCATION

NAACCR Webinars

Live: March 01, 2018, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., **Abstracting and Coding Boot Camp: Cancer Case Scenarios**. To attend the live broadcast in Columbia, sign up here.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49a4a82caafa7-naaccr26>. Regular attendees were separately notified. Watch for it to be posted as a recording.

NAACCR Recordings: Earn 3 CEs by viewing recorded webinars. Check out our Education and Training page to find out how you can receive access to the recorded NAACCR Webinars.

<http://mcr.umh.edu/mcr-education.php>

Zoom

April 11, 2018, 10-11a.m., **“Lung Cancer Case Review & Exercises using AJCC 8th Edition,”** presenter, Babette Langeneckert. Sign up here. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0e49a4a82caafa7-lung>

Recordings: Previous MCR GoToMeeting and Zoom presentations are posted to the MCR website as recordings. <http://mcr.umh.edu/mcr-education.php>

Show Me Tips

March 2018 Show Me Tips - **Coding, Abstracting and Education - TNM 8th Ed. Chapter Changes**. It is attached to this email for your reference. If you have a site or topic that you would like to see addressed in future tip sheets, please let Jennifer Sedovic know: sedovicj@health.missouri.edu

Fundamentals of Abstracting Workshop

Fundamentals of Abstracting Workshop is a day and a half long course held at the offices of the Missouri Cancer Registry and Research Center in Columbia, MO. This class is geared toward new abstractors who are not familiar with the abstracting process and is free of charge. Students use Abstract Plus to work through cases using the MCR-ARC Abstract Code Manual. For those not familiar with abstracting and the MCR-ARC required fields, this is a great place to start. The next workshop is scheduled for Thursday March 29 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday March 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Register by March 15!**

<http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0E49A4A82CAAF7-fundamentals4>

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MCR Help-Line

Reach us at 1-800-392-2829 during regular office hours, or leave a message; a member of our QA team will return your call within one business day.

Save the date for AJCC 8th Edition Cancer Staging Webinar for Registrars

The American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) will be conducting a number of webinars on the AJCC Cancer Staging Manual, Eighth Edition in 2018. The webinars are scheduled as follows: March 20, 2018 - Major Rule Changes; April 17, 2018 - CAnswer Forum and Staging Questions; July 25, 2018 - Head and Neck Staging; and Sept. 6, 2018 - Breast Staging. All webinars will be held from 1:00 to 2:00 pm CT. Make sure to mark your calendars. Visit the AJCC website for updates, additional information and registration links. <https://cancerstaging.org/CSE/Registrar/Pages/8thEditionWebinars.aspx>

MCR NEWS

Edit Applied to Web Plus

Reminder: The new edit has now been applied to Web Plus incoming files to catch problems in the cN use. This issue was explained in my Monthly Update – December 2017 (copy available on MCR website http://mcr.umh.edu/downloads/MCRMINI_12-17.pdf see pages 2-3) . If you took the recommended steps then to assure that cN is coded correctly, you should not have any trouble with your next upload.

Website Re-design

In an effort to modernize and standardize MU websites, the MCR-ARC website will be re-designed by a campus team this spring. If you have suggestions regarding improvements or additional material that you would like to see included, please forward your ideas to Shari Ackerman at ackermans@health.missouri.edu

Visitors

Representatives from an international healthcare company visited MU and MCR-ARC this week to understand how cancer patient information is captured and processed at cancer registries. While observing the hospital registrars in action, the visitors had wondered why hospital abstractors spend time entering text in addition to codes. But our guests then had an “ah-ha moment” at MCR when they saw the critical importance of text entries to central registry level quality processes and case consolidation decision-making. It was our pleasure to explain the cancer registry profession to them! They were quite impressed with the work that we all do. Perhaps they will be inspired to create innovative solutions that further improve our efficiencies. *P.S. confidentiality agreements were signed before showing them our processes.*

Ovarian Study

Thanks to all who have submitted data to us on-time. When more than one non-networked facility was involved in a case, I may need to contact additional hospitals for supplementing information. I will be sending out reminders this week to facilities that missed February deadlines.

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ABSTRACTING TIP

Stereotactic Brain Biopsy

Stereotactic biopsies are minimally invasive procedures used to diagnose disease. They use imaging with or without a frame to guide the biopsy needle to the target. When deciding on where to code a procedure, Diagnostic/Staging Procedure or Surgery, it is best to read the operative note in detail to see whether or not a biopsy or a resection was done and/or ask the surgeon for clarification rather than rely solely on the title of the procedure cited in the EMR. (Source: CAnswer Forum)

STANDARD SETTER AND NATIONAL NEWS

CDC/NPCR

NPCR/MCR Required Data Items 2018

CDC/NPCR has just released a second revision to its required data items for 2018 cases. I am reviewing it and incorporating it into an MCR required data item list. I will let you know when it is posted to our website, probably within the next week. The good news is that only 60 of the 150 new Site Specific Data Items will be required in reports to the state. However, because of advances in clinical practice and staging, that is 20 more than the 40 SSFs that we required in 2017. Because these data items are specific to particular sites or histologies, only a few of them may apply to any given case.

Registry Plus Software

Web Plus v18 is projected to be released in April. CRS Plus (the application for the MCR main database) is due to be updated for 2018 in June. Hopefully these upgrades will allow us to accept your cases in a timely manner. I do not yet have a projection for the availability of Abstract Plus for 2018 case abstracting.

NCI/SEER

Solid Tumor Manual

The release of the new Solid Tumor Manual (which will replace the Multiple Primaries and Histologies Manual) has been delayed until March per the SEER website.

NAACCR

New Fields

The NAACCR Site-Specific Data Items Task Force (SSDI TF) has posted draft versions of the SSDI and Grade manuals for review and comment. In addition to helping to refine the materials before they are posted in final form, the draft manuals may be helpful to registrars and others who are seeking information about how the SSDI's and grade will be collected for cases diagnosed 1/1/2018 and later. NAACCR plans to release the final version of the manuals by May 2018.

Draft versions of the manuals are available at <https://www.naacccr.org/2018-implementation/#SSDIGRADE>

Questions and comments should be posted to the CAnswer <http://cancerbulletin.facs.org/forums/forum>

Thank you to the registrars who have already left comments on this site. Improvements are being made as a result.

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Edits

The NAACCR Edits workgroup hopes to release its first edit metafile for 2018 to states and vendors in early March. MCR will be poised to customize it for Missouri and get it to your software vendors quickly after that.

Data Dictionary

The NAACCR Data Dictionary, which lists all fields in the layout for v18, has been approved and should be published in early March.

CoC

STORE Manual 2018 (replaces FORDS)

The latest timeline projects publication of this manual in March.

REGISTRY TO RESEARCH AND SURVEILLANCE (publications using cancer registry data!)

Racial and Socioeconomic Disparities are More Pronounced in Inflammatory Breast Cancer than Other Breast Cancers (data from 7 state registries)

<https://www.hindawi.com/journals/jce/2017/7574946/>

RESOURCES AND NEWS OF INTEREST

The essential role of population-based cancer survival in cancer control in the United States

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cncr.30898/full>

The history and use of cancer registry data by public health cancer control programs in the United States

<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cncr.30905/abstract>

Years of Life Lost to Cancer (and other searchable cancer stats) – Internationally by Country

<http://canceratlas.cancer.org/data/#?view=map>

There is meaning in the work we do together!

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TNM 8th Edition Chapter Changes

New AJCC staging is based on sites, subsites and histologies. Chapters in some sites were split based on anatomic subsites or differences in staging due to histology. There are 83 chapters in the 8th edition, while the 7th edition had 57.

NEW CHAPTERS

- Head and Neck
 - Cervical Lymph Nodes & Unknown Primary
 - HPV-Mediated (p16+) Oropharynx Cancer
 - Cutaneous Squamous Cell Ca of the Head and Neck
- Thorax
 - Thymus
- Endocrine System
 - Parathyroid
 - Adrenal Neuroendocrine Tumors
- Hematologic Malignancies
 - Leukemia

SPLIT CHAPTERS—MAY BE IN DIFFERENT DISEASE SYSTEMS

- Head & Neck Pharynx
 - Nasopharynx
 - HPV-Mediated (p16+) Oropharynx
 - Oropharynx (p16-) and Hypopharynx
- Appendix
 - Appendix – Lower Gastrointestinal Tract
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of Appendix – Neuroendocrine Tumors
- Endocrine System Thyroid
 - Thyroid – Differentiated and Anaplastic
 - Thyroid – Medullary

SPLIT CHAPTERS OR SECTIONS

- Neuroendocrine Tumors – split chapters
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Stomach
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Duodenum and Ampulla of Vater
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Jejunum and Ileum
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Appendix
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Colon and Rectum
 - Neuroendocrine Tumors of the Pancreas
- Bone – one chapter, multiple staging sections
 - Appendicular Skeleton, Trunk, Skull, Face, Pelvis, Spine
- Soft Tissue Sarcoma – split chapters or sections
 - Introduction to Soft Tissue Sarcoma
 - Soft Tissue Sarcoma of Head and Neck
 - Soft Tissue Sarcoma of Trunk and Extremities
 - Soft Tissue Sarcoma of Abdomen and Thoracic Visceral Organs
 - Soft Tissue Sarcoma of Retroperitoneum
 - Soft Tissue Sarcoma – Unusual Histologies and Sites



TNM 8th Edition Chapter Changes (*continued*)

REORGANIZATION OF CHAPTERS

- Examples
 - Thyroid moved to endocrine system
 - GIST moved to soft tissue sarcoma
 - Urinary tract is its own section
 - Includes both male and female

MERGED CHAPTERS

- Ovary, Fallopian Tube, and Primary Peritoneal Carcinoma

DELETED CHAPTERS

- Cutaneous Squamous Cell Carcinoma and Other Cutaneous Carcinomas

TNM 8TH EDITION CHAPTER 1 CHANGES

- Chapter 1 Rules expanded-Table format for easier use
 - Explains the basics of staging
 - General staging rules
 - Uncertainty rules do not apply to cancer registry data - If information is not available to assign subcategory (Example T1a) the registrar should assign the main category (Example T1)
 - Clarifies terminology
 - New classification term-pathological instead of pathologic as in previous editions
 - T, N, and M staging elements are identified as categories not stage. Example T category, not T stage. The term stage is used when T, N, and M and cancer site – specific required prognostic factors are combined. Example stage 2A
 - 7th Edition identified stage groups as anatomic stage/prognostic groups, 8th Edition identifies stage groups as prognostic stage groups
 - Defines time frame and criteria for each classification
 - Detailed rules for clinical/pathological timeframe, criteria, and for T, N, M categories and stage
 - 8th Edition New rule - Use cTis in the clinical T data item when in situ is microscopically confirmed during the diagnostic workup instead of pTis (pTis-7th Edition, cTis-8th Edition)
 - Additional Staging descriptors
 - (sn) Sentinel nodes
 - (f) FNA or core biopsy
 - (m) Multiple primary tumors