



## **Introductory Cancer Registry Workshop**

The ACR will be hosting an introductory workshop for beginning registrars from **April 9th through April 12th**. The workshop will be held **at the Arizona Department of Health Services**. Topics will include:

- \* Introduction to the AZ Cancer Registry
- \* AZ Case Reporting Rules & Regulations
- \* Reportability & Case Eligibility
- \* Casefinding
- \* Abstracting Fundamentals
- \* Use of Reference Materials & Coding Manuals
- \* Collaborative Staging
- \* Hands-on Coding & Abstracting

This workshop is designed for beginning registrars. NCRA CE credits will not be available for participants. Due to space restrictions, enrollment will be limited to eight (8) participants. RSVP by April 2, 2006, with Kara Lockett, CTR at (602) 542-7592 or [locketk@azdhs.gov](mailto:locketk@azdhs.gov)

## **Trainings for 2007 Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules to Begin in May**

Beginning in May, the ACR will host training sessions covering the new rules for determining multiple primary cancers and coding histology. Cohorts of registrars will attend sessions closest to the time that they anticipate abstracting January, 2007 cases. The training for each cohort will be split into two two-day sessions about a month apart. Trainings will be held at the ASU Mercado (Downtown). Additional details will be forthcoming from the ACR as soon as definitive information is available.

## **Critical Data Change Sheets Reminder**

Please submit any critical data change forms that you needed to complete as a result of the newest version of the Collaborative Staging Manual and Coding Instructions (01.03.00) and the changes made to the AJCC Cancer Staging Manual. Mail your updates to the ACR, c/o Gilbert Garcia.



# Arizona Cancer Registry Updates

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## **FORDS 2007 HAS ARRIVED**

The 2007 revisions include sixteen new data items. Five of them will be required for cases diagnosed beginning January 1, 2007:

Ambiguous Terminology Diagnosis	page 99A
Date of Conclusive Diagnosis	page 99C
Date of Multiple Tumors	page 99E-99F
Multiple Tumors Reported as One Primary	page 99G
Multiplicity Counter	page 99H-99I

The items described on pages 99E-99I were created to supplement the rules changes for determining multiple primaries. Training for coding these three fields will be provided as part of the multiple primaries and histology rules workshop.

The other fields pertain to the National Provider Identifier (NPI). The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a unique identification number for health care providers that is scheduled for 2007–2008 implementation by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) as part of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). The numbers apply both to facilities and to individual health practitioners.

Detailed implementation information will be distributed in the near future.

## **ONLINE COLLABORATIVE STAGING COURSES**

The CoC Online Education Center is offering four online sessions covering collaborative staging for breast, colorectal, lung, and prostate cancer. Each carries 1 CE unit. The collaborative staging presentations are offered free of charge; other courses are offered through the Online Education Center for a fee.

You can access the sessions at <http://www.facs.org/cancer/webcast/index.html>.