



Arizona Cancer Registry Updates

October 2008

Updates to FORDS/ACR Manual

A memo is attached instructing registrars to make several corrections to their FORDS 2007 manuals. These corrections include:

1. Surgical Procedure/Other Sites item (Page 142). A correction was made to the example given for code 1, per the CoC's instruction.
2. Several corrections were made to Section One of the manual concerning the applicability of the Multiple Primary rules to Kaposi sarcoma and benign brain/CNS tumors.

Please read the memos carefully. The corrections will take only a few minutes to make.

Tumor Markers Reference

The second attached memo concerns an update to the information about Estrogen and Progesterone receptors in the reference sheet "Recording Tumor Markers in Collaborative Staging System Site-Specific Factors."

The reference document instructs registrars to "Record the pathologist's interpretation of the assay value from the most representative tumor specimen if assay is performed on more than one specimen." Please cross out this paragraph if you continue to use the document. Two clarifications made to version 01.04 of the Collaborative Staging Manual contradict this instruction; the new clarifications tell registrars to use the highest value (if any sample is positive, record as positive).

Social Security Number

Social Security Number is an extremely important field that is used at the ACR level for linkage to other databases.

Please make an effort to track down the Social Security Number through your facility's billing department in case it is not listed on the face sheet.

Coding Tips, Tricks and Traps Power Point Module

Attached is a new educational presentation developed by the ACR. "Coding Tips, Tricks and Traps" was developed as a result of: 1) Coding queries received by the Arizona Cancer Registry staff 2) Errors that ACR staff encountered during last year's call for data 3) Recognition of "gray areas" in coding guidelines.

The NCRA approved this module for 2 CE hours and provided the event number 2008- 121. Registrars will need to pass the quiz (also attached) with a grade of at least 70% in order to receive credit. Please submit completed quizzes to Kara Locketti, Arizona Cancer Registry



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Training Manager, for grading (locketk@azdhs.gov or 602-542-7362). Registrars may re-take the quiz as often as they wish in order to receive a passing grade.

The presentation will also be posted online when the ACR upgrades its web site.

Reminders

Collaborative Stage Error Message

A broadcast email was sent out on October 3rd regarding a Collaborative Stage-related error:

CS Version 1st, Date of DX (SEER)

E: If year of Diagnosis > 2007, the four digits of CS Version 1st must = 0104

In order to avoid this error, hospitals need to convert to version 01.04 prior to abstracting 2008 cases.

If you have abstracted 2008 cases using version 01.03 but have not yet submitted them to the ACR, you need to rectify this error before submitting new cases. Please contact your software vendor regarding the most effective way of handling this error.

If you have any questions, please contact either Kara Locketti (602-542-7592) or Brenda Smith (602-542-7357).

Contact Information

The ACR recently sent out a blast email containing a spreadsheet listing contact information for reporting facilities.

If you have not already done so, please review the spreadsheet and send any updates to Kara Locketti (locketk@azdhs.gov).