



Arizona Cancer Registry Updates

September 2008

Stand up to Cancer TV Special

On Friday, September 5th at 8 p.m. Pacific Daylight time, the three major television networks (CBS, ABC, and NBC) will air a one-hour, commercial-free telethon aimed at increasing cancer awareness and raising money for research.

This special will feature numerous celebrities, including David Spade, Jessica Alba, Diane Keaton, Jennifer Garner, Jimmy Smits, and Julia Louis-Dreyfus, and the casts of “30 Rock” and “CSI” and will be hosted by evening news anchors Charles Gibson, Katie Couric, and Brian Williams.

The telethon is part of a multimedia effort, *Stand Up to Cancer* (SU2C). More information on the event can be found at www.standup2cancer.org.

Save the Date! Fall CRAAZ Meeting

Watch your emails for details on the next CRAAZ Educational meeting. The fall meeting will be held at Banner Good Samaritan on Tuesday, 10/21/08. Details will be out soon.

Collaborative Staging– Conversion to Version 01.04.01

A reminder that if you have not yet converted to Collaborative Staging version 01.04.01 and submitted any related critical data changes, you need to do so ASAP. If you have not yet converted, please contact Kara Locketti at (602) 542-7592.

Submission of 2007 Cases

A reminder that all of your facility’s 2007 cases should have been submitted to the ACR. If you are experiencing any issues with compliance, please contact Brenda Smith at (602) 542-7357 or Zayin Javier at (602) 542-7325.

College-Approved Programs: Changes in Staging Requirements

The Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons recently published several standards changes for approved programs (or those seeking approval). The changes must be implemented beginning in 2009. Replacement pages for the *Cancer Program Standards 2004*,



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Revised Edition, may be found at <http://www.facs.org/cancer/coc/programstandards.html>. Additionally, a one-hour webinar discussing the changes is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3rd at 10:00 am CDT (8 am PDT). To register, go to <http://www.register123.com/event/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x104653884b>.

This program will be recorded and an archived version will be made available on the Web. There is a \$35.00 fee to participate in the live Webinar or to view the archive.

A summary of the changes is provided below:

Standard 2.8

Cancer conference presentations must include discussion and documentation of AJCC or other appropriate staging. This change applies to the five major sites seen at the facility.

Standard 2.10

Cancer committees must include Collaborative Staging accuracy in their registry data quality review plans.

Standard 3.7

Cases diagnosed from 2003 forward that are submitted to the National Cancer Database (NCDB) must meet the specified quality criteria. Previously, the standard required that cases from the most recent accession year specified in the annual NCDB call for Data meet specified quality standards.

Standard 4.3

The old standard describing documentation requirements for AJCC staging by managing physicians has been replaced. The new standard specifies that the cancer committee must devise, monitor, and document a process to evaluate physician use of stage, prognostic indicators, and evidence-based treatment guidelines in treatment planning.



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Standard 4.6

The guidelines for patient management and treatment currently required by the CoC are followed.

The standard remains the same. The compliance rating has been changed to require the inclusion of all scientifically validated data elements in 90% of pathology reports AND the cancer committee's annual evaluation of the program's performance using each of the CoC quality reporting tools as documented in cancer committee minutes.

The Commendation rating has been changed to require the inclusion of all of the scientifically validated data elements in 90% of pathology reports AND use of synoptic format in pathology reports AND achieving a defined level of performance related to the measures set forth in the CoC quality reporting tools.

Standard 7.1

The cancer committee offers a second educational activity each year focused on stage, prognostic indicators, and evidence-based treatment guidelines.