



## Check Out the Expanded ACR Web Site!



The ACR is proud to announce our new and improved web site. We're at <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/phstats/acr/index.htm> The new web site was designed with registrars in mind– You now have one-stop shopping for your information needs. For instance:

- ◆ Have a question about reportability? Rocky Mountain? The “Registry Staff Contact Information” page has a list of contacts for specific questions.
- ◆ Need an extra set of supplemental pages and labels for your FORDS/ACR manual? Need a set of forms? Go to the “Registrar Resources” site and click on “ACR Reporting Requirements.”
- ◆ Coding question? All ACR newsletters dating back to Spring of 2003 are posted on the “Newsletters” page under “Registrar Resources. A feature will be added soon that will enable you to search within the documents on that page, so you won't need to go through each newsletter.
- ◆ Looking for an online version of a coding manual? Go to the “Coding Manuals” page within “Registrar Resources.”

Update your bookmarks!

## Coming Soon– New ACR Edits Package

As the ACR continues to finalize edits for Arizona, we wanted to share with you some preliminary information about some of the edits that will be included in the package.

There are several text fields that are required by ACR. In the course of our quality control activities, we have discovered that not all hospitals are entering the required text in the abstract. For instance, if a valid surgery code is entered, then we should find the text that justifies the

code used. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. In order to improve the data collected and to assist the ACR in the quality control process, we are including specific edits that require text. These edits search for text within the first 79 characters of a text field. Two examples would be:

**Edit Name:** Rx Summ-Chemo, RX Text-Chemo (NAACCR)

**Description:** If RX Summ-Chemo = 01-03 (chemotherapy administered), the first 79 characters of RX Text-Chemo must not be blank.

**Edit Name:** Text-Dx Proc-Path, Diagnostic Confirmation (NAACCR)

**Description:** If Diagnostic Confirmation equals 1, 2, or 4, the first 79 characters of Text-Dx Proc-Path cannot be blank.

We are notifying you of this now so that you can verify that all registrars within your facility are entering the required text, and that the text is entered in the correct section of the abstract.

Once the ACR edits are required, we will reject your data if there are any errors.

## **Reporting Schedule Reminder**

A reminder that by May registrars are required to report monthly, rather than every other month. If you have questions about the electronic reporting process, please contact Keith Laubham at (602) 542-7314, or [laubhak@azdhs.gov](mailto:laubhak@azdhs.gov).