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SUBJECT: Arizona Cancer Registry Coding Handbook includes the:
Commission on Cancer
Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards, Revised for 2010
Arizona Cancer Registry Supplement

The 2010 electronic version of the Arizona Cancer Registry Coding Handbook is completed! The Handbook includes the *Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards, (FORDS) Revised 2010* and the *Arizona Cancer Registry Supplement*. The *FORDS* was effective for cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2010. Please start using this new version for cases diagnosed in 2010. If you decide to print the document, we recommend you duplex print in order to maintain the correct pagination.

Included in this packet of information needed for the Revised 2010:

- Arizona Cancer Registry Coding Handbook 2010 – FORDS 2010
- ADHS ACR Documentation of Labels & Notes 2010 inserted into the handbook (No need to write these in, they are already inserted into the PDF)
- ADHS ACR Summary of Changes 2010
- ADHS ACR Required Data Items 2010 Updated
- ADHS ACR Index Guide 2010 (Quick reference guide for page numbers)
- 2010 Changes At A Glance (Previously distributed)
- Appendix D (Additional requirements for cases diagnosed prior to January 1, 2004) – This document is not included in this packet as there are no changes. To be posted at a later date.
- Appendix E NAACCR Recommended Abbreviations Listing
- Appendix F SEER Geocodes (from the *SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual, 2010*)
- Appendix G Race and Nationality Descriptions from the 2000 Census and Bureau of Vital Statistics (from the *SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual, 2010*)
- Appendix H County Codes (from the *SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual, 2010*)

FORDS, Revised for 2010 and the *ACR Supplement* include additional codes, revised code definitions and/or coding instructions for some data items. You may find comprehensive descriptions of the changes in the document, “ADHS ACR Summary of Changes 2010.” Specific changes are also described in the Preface and Appendix C of *FORDS, Revised for 2010*. Review a complete listing in the Table of Contents on clarifications and additions to the *ACR Supplement*.

To highlight some of the changes in the handbook:

- New *Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Case Reportability and Coding Manual* and the Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Database
- Clarification on Ambiguous Cytology
- Expanded Class of Case Guidelines for ACR Reportability
- Expanded the Case Eligibility Clarifications and Reportability Examples
- New Date Requirements
- New Date Flags
- Primary Site Additional Guidelines and Clarifications
- New CS Data Items
- ACR Required CSv2 Specific Factors Table
- Expanded and Updated Coding Clarifications in the Treatment Section
- New Codes for Laterality and Race
- Expanded Diagnostic Confirmation for Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasms
- Change in Definitions related to Radiation/Surgery Sequence and Systemic/Surgery Sequence
- Clarifications on Physician Referral in the Treatment Section
- Clarifications and Changes Related to the Coding of Grade
- New Data Items (i.e. Grade Path System)
- Changes in Where Other Primary Tumors are Documented in the Abstract

We appreciate your patience, and, as always, you are more than welcome to contact any ACR staff member if you have questions about the updates.