

Benign Brain Tumor Tutorial

Results of a recoding audit performed by the Data Standards and Quality Control Unit of the CCR document that abstractors need clarification for the following data elements :

- ✓ Date of Diagnosis
- ✓ Primary Site/Subsite
- ✓ Collaborative Staging – Tumor Size
- ✓ Laterality
- ✓ Surgery of Primary

Goals of This Tutorial

- ✓ Know the difference between reportable and nonreportable terms for reporting of benign brain tumors.
- ✓ Identify the correct site and subsite for benign brain tumors.
- ✓ Select correct laterality code for non- surgical cases.
- ✓ Apply Collaborative Staging General Rules when coding tumor size.
- ✓ Differentiate among the surgery code definitions for brain

It is advised to review this tutorial along with the Collaborative Staging Manual, Brain and Central Nervous System schema (two schema) and surgery codes found in the California Cancer Registry, Volume One.