

**DATA STANDARDS AND QUALITY CONTROL
MEMORANDUM
DSQC #2006-02**

CATEGORY: REFERENCE DOCUMENT
SUBJECT: Use of document “Recording Tumor Markers In Collaborative Staging System Site-Specific Factors”
EFFECTIVE: Cases Diagnosed 1/1/2005 Forward

Attached, please find a copy of the document “Recording Tumor Markers in Collaborative Staging System Site-Specific Factors.” This resource, prepared by April Fritz, RHIT, CTR and approved by the CS Task Force and its medical consultants, is to be used to assist in the coding for those sites that collect tumor markers in the Collaborative Staging System Site-Specific Factor fields.

As a reminder, the data item “Tumor Marker-California-1” (Her2/neu) is required by the CCR and is collected in its designated field.

Please apply these guidelines to all cases diagnosed 1/1/05 forward. Registrars are not expected to go back and apply these rules to cases already abstracted and submitted to the regional registry.

Note: In accordance with the CCR Visual Editing Standards, discrepancies resulting from this new information will not be counted for one month (30 days) after statewide distribution. The Date Completed on the abstract will be the date the visual editor will use to calculate the 30-day time frame.

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