

CALIFORNIA CANCER REGISTRY

DATA STANDARDS AND QUALITY CONTROL UNIT

2010 DATA CHANGES ALERT

Registrar Instructions for Abstracting and Transmitting 2010 Cases

The Collaborative Stage (CS) Data Collection System Version 2 (CSv2) will be implemented for cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2010. It is based on the American Joint Committee on Cancer's (AJCC) Cancer Staging Manual, 7th Edition. Cases diagnosed in 2010 must be coded using the revised CSv2 software. **Hospitals should complete abstracting their 2009 cases in their current software version.** Hospitals must install the cancer reporting software updates before abstracting and completing 2010 diagnosed cases. If 2010 cases are abstracted before the hospital cancer reporting software is updated, registrars must review those cases after the update to ensure that converted items have specific codes assigned. **Do not transmit 2010 cases in your current cancer reporting software.**

Cases diagnosed prior to 2010 may be coded using the new CSv2 record layout. In most cases it will not be necessary to code the new 2010 data items for the cases diagnosed prior to 2010.

We anticipate that the CNExT 2010 cancer reporting software version will be available in April and Eureka will be available in June to accept cases. Cases can be transmitted to the CCR once the reporting facility has installed the 2010 cancer reporting software version. The cases will be uploaded to Eureka and await processing until Eureka is available in June.

CNET will be issuing their own instructions to ensure that users obtain the new metafile which contains a CS Edits Review edit set. This edit set may be used to identify cases to correct before applying the conversion to CSv2. Other vendors will take similar measures.

Hospital timeliness reporting may be suspended during this time, thus any reporting delays due to the software availability will not result in negative hospital timeliness reports. If it is necessary to suspend the timeliness reporting, registrars will be notified when the

timeliness reporting will be suspended and when it will be reinstated.

Below is the information released from the CSv2 Work Group.

[Information Release via the CSv2 Work Group from January 14, 2010.](#)

Collaborative Stage Data Collection System, Version 02.00.01 Released

The Collaborative Stage Version 2 Work Group announces the release of Collaborative Stage version 02.00.01 (CSv2), which collects cancer data among several standard-setting organizations. **The staging system has been renamed the Collaborative Stage (CS) Data Collection System.**

The new version incorporates significant changes to collaborative staging that are effective for cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2010, and are based on the American Joint Committee on Cancer's (AJCC) Cancer Staging Manual, 7th edition. Available at <http://cancerstaging.org/cstage/index.html>, CSv2 contains software programs and tools, general instructions and implementation guidelines, site-specific codes and coding instructions for the new variables, and standard-setter requirements.

Cases diagnosed in 2010 must be coded using the revised version. Commission on Cancer (CoC)-accredited programs should install software updates before abstracting 2010 diagnoses. The CSv2 software will include new staging algorithms and will utilize the data elements as defined in the [North American Association of Central Cancer Registries \(NAACCR\) Inc's Record Layout Standards, Volume II, Version 12](#). Registry software systems must incorporate the new CSv2 software. In addition, current registry data will need to be converted to the new CSv2 and NAACCR version 12 standards prior to using CSv2. Specifications for the data conversion will be available on the CS Web page. [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) will provide a program for the conversion of the staging data elements.

If abstracting of 2010 cases begins before the software is updated, it will be necessary to review those cases after the update to code the new items and ensure that converted items have specific codes assigned. Electronic conversion of Class of Case and Race items may result in broader categories than the items required for

2010 cases. Cases diagnosed prior to 2010 may be coded using the new layout, but it is not necessary to code the items with a 2010 implementation date.

To ensure correct conversion and derivation of CS data, all records in the registry database with staging information diagnosed from 1/1/2004 through the date of implementation must be processed through the CSv2 conversion algorithm. AJCC 6 stage and SS1977 and SS2000 will be re-derived on all cases where sufficient information is available. Registries are urged to identify all edits developed for use with CSv1 on the fields they collect and re-edit all cases before implementation of CSv2. CSv1 edits were added to the standard NAACCR metafile at intervals from 2004 through mid-2009; all CSv1 cases in the registry database may not have passed through all available CS edits. Users can expect fewer conversion problems with edited data.

Once CSv2 is installed, it will be the only CS version used for all cases diagnosed from the year 2004 to the present, regardless of diagnosis year. The CSv2 algorithm for AJCC 6 and 7 will be applied to cases as described below:

- The AJCC 7th edition mapping algorithm will be applied only to cases diagnosed from January 1, 2010, and forward.
- Cases diagnosed before January 1, 2010 can be coded using CSv2, but the mapping algorithm will only calculate AJCC 6th edition for these cases.
- Site-specific factors may be coded for any year. That is, new site-specific factors can be coded for pre-2010 cases.
- Blanks will be allowed for data collected under CSv2 for Site-Specific Factors 1-25. For data converted from CSv1 to CSv2, SSFs 1-25 may also be left blank.

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