

# California Cancer Registry

Production Automation and Quality Control Unit

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## Staging Updates

**Subject:** New Collaborative Stage Transition Newsletter

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Please click [here](#) (or type the url: <http://seer.cancer.gov/registrars/cs-tnm/>, in your browser) to review the latest issue regarding the transition from Collaborative Stage to AJCC TNM Staging. This newsletter provides updates from CDC/NPCR, NCI/SEER, CoC, AJCC, NAACCR and NCRA regarding CS Site Specific Factors as well as TNM updates, clarifications and education.

### Important Highlights Include:

- Update on CS and CS Site Specific Factors for 2016 - See pages 1-3
- Critical Clarifications for Registrars for assigning TNM in Melanoma of the skin (AJCC 7th Edition)
  - [https://cancerstaging.org/SiteAssets/Pages/default/AJCC%20Melanoma%20Staging%20\(3\).pdf](https://cancerstaging.org/SiteAssets/Pages/default/AJCC%20Melanoma%20Staging%20(3).pdf)
- New AJCC T, N and M Categories to be implemented in 2016
  - <https://cancerstaging.org/About/news/Pages/New-AJCC-T,-N,-and-M-Categories-to-be-Implemented-in-2016.aspx>
- Updated Explaining Blanks and X, Ambiguous Terminology and Support for AJCC Staging presentation (December 2015)
  - <https://cancerstaging.org/CSE/Registrar/Pages/Presentations.aspx>

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