
CANCER REPORTING IN CALIFORNIA:
ABSTRACTING AND CODING PROCEDURES
FOR HOSPITALS
California Cancer Reporting System Standards, Volume I

Changes and Clarifications –15th Edition
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SECTION CHANGES

I.1.6 Reporting

- ✓ Removed link to Required Method of Reporting PDF document and incorporated document contents into this page.
- ✓ Revised Class 31 reporting requirement from CMR to an Abstract.
- ✓ Removed Class examples and added them into the Class of Case section.
- ✓ Updated formatting.

I.1.6.6 Coding Resources

- ✓ Updated Standards of the Commission on Cancer Volume II: Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards. (FORDS) revised for 2015, and release date.
- ✓ Updated Hematopoietic Database version number and release date.
- ✓ Updated Hematopoietic Coding Manual release date.
- ✓ Updated SEER*Rx version number and release date.
- ✓ Added FORDS 2015 revision and release date.
- ✓ Updated Formatting.

I.1.6.7 CCR Reportability Guide

- ✓ Added a description for the Reportability Guide page.
- ✓ NEW Reportability Requirement for Carcinoid Tumors, NOS of the Appendix (C18.1), reportable 2015 and forward.
- ✓ Minor grammatical updates.
- ✓ Updated formatting.

III.2.5.6 County at DX

- ✓ Added a description for the County at DX page.
- ✓ Updated formatting (content changes made only in appendices D.1 and D.2).

III.2.7 Sex

- ✓ Added NEW Codes:
 - Code 5 – Transgender, natal male
 - Code 6 – Transgender, natal female
- ✓ Updated Code 4 – Transgender, NOS
- ✓ Added Instruction to clarify that abstractors **must** enter text to support sex code.

III.2.10 Date of Birth

- ✓ Added a description for the Date of Birth page.
- ✓ Clarification added for registrars to document the patient's age in the Text Remarks Field when the patient is 100 years or older.
- ✓ Updated formatting.

III.3.5 Class of Case

- ✓ Updates have been made to the following Codes:
 - **Code 10** - Initial diagnosis is at the reporting facility or *in an office of a physician with admitting privileges* AND part or all of first course treatment or a decision not to treat was done at the reporting facility, NOS.
 - **Code 11** - Initial diagnosis is *in an office of a physician with admitting privileges* AND part or all of first course treatment was done at the reporting facility.
 - **Code 12** - Initial diagnosis is *in an office of a physician with admitting privileges* AND all first course treatment or a decision not to treat was done at the reporting facility.
 - **Code 41** - Diagnosis and all first course treatment is given in two or more different *offices of physicians with admitting privileges*.
- ✓ Examples and Notes have been added to the following Codes:
 - **Code 00** - Patient was diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma of the tonsil by biopsy at reporting hospital; underwent surgical resection at another hospital.
 - **Code 11**- Patient was diagnosed *by a physician with practice privileges*, received neoadjuvant radiation at another facility, and then underwent surgical resection at the reporting facility.
 - **Code 13** - Breast cancer was diagnosed and treated with surgery at the reporting hospital. Radiation was given at the hospital across the street with which the reporting hospital has an agreement.
 - **CCR Note:** This example was previously incorrectly coded to a *Class of Case 00*.
 - **Code 42** - Patients from an unaffiliated, free-standing clinic across the street that hospital *voluntarily* abstracts with its cases because many physicians work both at the clinic and the hospital.
- ✓ Updated formatting.

V.2 Laterality

- ✓ Added coding instructions for Laterality.
- ✓ Combined V.2.1 Coding (Laterality) into this page for consistency.
- ✓ Combined V.2.3 Site Code Restrictions into this page for consistency.
- ✓ Formatted page.

V.2.1 Coding (Laterality)

- ✓ Added note to refer the registrar to the update V.2 Laterality Page.

V.2.2 Principal Paired Sites

- ✓ Renamed section to "Paired Sites".
- ✓ Added a description for the Paired Sites page.
- ✓ Updated formatting.

V.2.3 Site Coding Restrictions

- ✓ Added note to refer the registrar to the updated V.2 Laterality Page.

V.3 Histology, Behavior, and Differentiation

- ✓ Renamed section to “ICD-O Coding Morphology – Histology, Behavior, and Differentiation”.
- ✓ Added a description for the ICD-O Coding Morphology – Histology, Behavior, and Differentiation page.
- ✓ **Added CCR NOTE:** 2015 ICD-O-3 histology coding changes: There are histology coding changes being implemented for 2015. Many of the new codes cannot be used for 2015 diagnoses because they are not included among the acceptable histologies for the Collaborative Stage algorithms. For the New ICD-O-3 Histology Code Crosswalk for 2015, please see Volume I – Attachment A (A PDF link).
- ✓ Added Definitions for clarity and consistency.
- ✓ Combined V.3.1 ICD-O – Histology, Behavior, and Differentiation into this page under: Coding Instructions.
- ✓ Combined V.3.2 ICD-O – Coding – Histology, Behavior, and Differentiation into this page under: Coding Instructions.
- ✓ Updated formatting.

V.3.1 ICD-O – Histology, Behavior, and Differentiation

- ✓ Added note to refer the registrar to the updated V.3 ICD-O Coding Morphology - Histology, Behavior, and Differentiation page.

V.3.2 ICD-O Coding – Histology, Behavior, and Differentiation

- ✓ Added note to refer the registrar to the updated V.3 ICD-O Coding Morphology - Histology, Behavior, and Differentiation Page.

V.3.4 Behavior

- ✓ Updated code 2 – Carcinoma in Situ, to direct registrar to Section V.5.8.1 for Carcinoma insitu synonyms.
- ✓ Added a description for the Behavior page.
- ✓ Added Coding Instructions section to this page.
- ✓ Updated the Codes Table to ensure registrars know that behavior /6 and /9 are not to be used by Cancer Registries.

V.3.4.2 In Situ Coding

- ✓ Updated list to include synonyms listed in the SEER Manual.

V.5.8.1 Terms indicating In Situ

- ✓ Updated list to include synonyms listed in the SEER Manual.

V.7 AJCC TNM Staging

- ✓ Added a description for the AJCC TNM Staging page.
- ✓ Re-designed page to introduce AJCC TNM Staging and added sections to shed light on the following items:
 - Coding Guidelines
 - TNM Categories
 - Stage Group
 - Timing Rules
 - TNM Classifications
- ✓ Combined V.7.1 The TNM System into this page in the description portion.
- ✓ Combined V.7.3 TNM Stage Basis into this page in the TNM Categories portion.
- ✓ Combined V.7.5 AJCC Stage Group (Clinical and Pathological) into this page in the Stage Group section.

V.7.1 The TNM System

- ✓ Added note to refer the registrar to the updated V.7 AJCC TNM Staging page.

V.7.2 TNM Data Entry

- ✓ This page has been removed as relevant information has been included in Section V.7.
- ✓ Added note to refer the registrar to the updated V.7 AJCC TNM Staging page.

V.7.3 TNM Stage Basis

- ✓ Added note to refer the registrar to the updated V.7 AJCC TNM Staging page.

V.7.4 TNM Staging Elements (Clinical and Pathological)

- ✓ Renamed section to “TNM Staging Classifications (Clinical and Pathological)”.
- ✓ Updated formatting.

V.7.5 AJCC Stage Group (Clinical and Pathological)

- ✓ Added note to refer the registrar to the updated V.7 AJCC TNM Staging page.

V.7.6 TNM Coder

- ✓ Updated formatting.

V.7.7 TNM Edition

- ✓ Renamed section to “TNM Edition Number”
- ✓ Added a description for the TNM Edition Number page.
- ✓ Updated Coding Instructions.
- ✓ Updated formatting.

VI.8.2.1 Date of Other Therapy Flag

- ✓ Updated formatting.

VII.2.13.1 Place of Death – Country

- ✓ Updated formatting.

VII.3.2 Follow-Up Contact 1

- ✓ Updated formatting.

VII.3.3 Follow-Up Contacts 2-6

- ✓ Updated formatting.

CHANGES to APPENDICES

Appendix D.1

- ✓ Added NEW codes for:
 - Czechoslovakia (former) = CZK
 - Yugoslavia = YUG
- ✓ Updated additional code descriptions to match ISO.
- ✓ Updated formatting.

Appendix D.2

- ✓ Added NEW codes for:
 - Czechoslovakia (former) = CZK
 - Saint Martin (French Part) = MAF
 - Yugoslavia = YUG
- ✓ Updated additional code descriptions to match ISO.
- ✓ Updated formatting.

Appendix F

- ✓ Updated with current link to California Reporting Facility Code Numbers.

Appendix Q.2

- ✓ SKIN:
 - Added the following clarification note for codes 45-47 – If the excision does not have clinically negative margins during surgery greater than 1cm, use the appropriate code, 20-36.

Appendix U: Data Items and their Required Status

- ✓ Requirements updated for 2015 forward:
 - Discovered by screening is required for 2015 forward.
 - Grade Path Value and Grade Path System are no longer required for 2015 forward.
 - Summary Stage 2000 is required for 2015 forward.
- ✓ Added a description for the Appendix U: Data Items and their Required Status page.
- ✓ Created link to access the California Cancer Reporting System Standards: Volume III.
- ✓ Removed Birthplace from list.
- ✓ Separated Comorbidity Complication 1 from Comorbidity Complications 2-10 because the instructions the instructions differ slightly.

- ✓ Updated labeling for Contact Street to “Contact Address No & Street” in order to match terminology used for other address related fields.
- ✓ Industry text is required if available from RX Centers.
- ✓ Separated Secondary Diagnosis 1 from Secondary Diagnosis 2-10 because the instructions differ slightly.