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

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SECTION/CHANGE

I.1.6 Reporting

Updated address for Region 9, Los Angeles Cancer Surveillance Program.

I.1.6.6 Coding Resources

Updated resources and links. Added link to SEER: Data Collection Answers from the CoC, NPCR, SEER Technical Workgroups, August 3, 2011.

I.1.6.7 California Cancer Registry Reportability Guide

Added clarification for reportability of PUNLMP, GIST, dysplasia, and appendix carcinoids.

II.1.9.1 Reportability – Benign/Borderline and CNS Tumors

Added specific topography codes to Note: Benign Schwannomas (9560/0) of the cranial nerves only (C77.2 – C72.5) are reportable to the CCR.

II.1.3.6 Lymphatic and Hematopoietic Diseases – Subsequent Diagnoses

Added the statement that for cases diagnosed January 1, 2012 and forward, use the updated 2012 Hematopoietic database and manual to abstract hematopoietic cases. Instructions provided that pre-2012 hematopoietic cases should be coded using the older version of the Hematopoietic database and manual.

II.2.4 Sequence Number

Added clarification for newly reportable hematopoietic diseases indicating that if the original hematopoietic disease was not reportable at the time of diagnosis, do not include it in sequencing.

III.2.1 Name

III.2.1.1 Last Name

III.2.1.2 First Name

III.2.1.3 Middle Name

III.2.1.4 Maiden Name

III.2.1.5 Alias Last Name

III.2.1.6 Alias First Name

III.2.1.9 Mother's First Name

Added statement that spaces, hyphens and apostrophes are allowed, but no other punctuation.

III.2.5.4 Data Entry, State

Added instruction to use the US Postal Service abbreviations for the state, territory, commonwealth, US possession, or Canadian province or territory in which the patient resides at the time the tumor is diagnosed and treated. Clarification provided that for a patient with multiple tumors, the state of residence may be different for subsequent tumors. Clarification provided that for a patient who is a foreign resident, use code XX or YY depending on the circumstance. Instruction given that if the patient's state or residence at diagnosis changes, this data item is not updated.

III.3.1 Date of First Contact

Added clarification on how to determine date of first contact.

III.3.13 Comorbidity/Complications

Added ICD-10-CM codes as allowable values.

IV.2 Diagnostic Confirmation

Added the following clarification for use of Code 1, Positive Histology. Use Code 1 for specimens taken from the primary or metastatic sites, positive blood count (CBC or peripheral blood) for leukemia cases, and microscopic examination of autopsy specimens.

Added the following clarification for use of Code 3, Positive Histology Plus. Use Code 3 when the following three conditions are met: 1) Genetic testing and/or immunophenotyping are described in the Hematopoietic Database "Definitive Diagnostic Method", and 2) genetic testing and/or immunophenotyping were done, and 3) genetic testing and/or immunophenotyping were positive (proved the type of neoplasm being coded).

Added note: Flow cytometry is a test for immunophenotyping and also for genetic testing. It is coded for hematopoietic and lymphoid neoplasms using the directions above.

V.3.5.8 Bloom-Richardson Grade for Breast Cancer

Added clarification to use Code 4 when the only information is a diagnosis of "high grade ductal carcinoma of the breast" with no mention of Bloom-Richardson.

V.5.8.1 Terms Indicating In Situ

Added note that term non-invasive has been dropped as of 1/1/2012.

VI.2.14 Systemic Therapy With Surgery Sequence

Added Code 7 - Surgery both before and after systemic therapy.
Revised Code 6 to state "before and/or after surgery."

VI.2.2 Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery

Added table with revised coding directives for all sites and especially breast cases. Referenced website <http://www.facs.org/cancer/coc/fordsmanual.html> for background information on changes to coding directives.

VI.3.7 Radiation Sequence With Surgery

Added Code 7 - Surgery both before and after radiation
Revised Code 6 to state “before and/or after surgery.”

VI.4 First Course of Treatment – Chemotherapy

Clarified that chemotherapy is not to be coded when used as radiosensitization.

VI.6.1 Immunotherapy Agents

Added clarification that donor lymphocyte infusion is coded as immunotherapy.

VI.8 First Course of Treatment – Other Therapy

Added instructions for cases diagnosed January 1, 2012 and forward that blood transfusions (whole blood, platelets, etc.) are not to be collected as treatment for any hematopoietic diseases. Provided additions to the 2010 instructions: Collect phlebotomy for polycythemia vera only. Provided a list of applicable diagnoses for which blood-thinners and/or anti-clotting agents should be coded.

APPENDICES

Appendix D.1 and D.2 Codes for Countries

Added Code 141 Other Pacific Area (Kingman Reef, Palmyra Atoll, Jarvis Island, Baker Island, Howland Island)

Revisions to the following codes:

Code 109 Other Atlantic/Caribbean Area; added Navassa Island, Bajo Nuevo Bank, Serranilla Bank

Code 122 Kiribati (Gilbert Islands, Line Islands, Phoenix Islands); deleted Canton and Enderbury Islands

Code 129 changed from Mariana Islands to Northern Mariana Islands (Trust Territory of Pacific Islands)

Code 132 changed from Midway Island to Midway Islands/Atoll

Code 133 changed from Nampo-Shoto, Southern to Nampo-Shoto/Southern Islands

Appendix F California Reporting Facility Code Numbers

Links to updated alphabetic and numeric facility code numbers provided.

Appendix K.1 Codes for Casefinding

Added codes for Casefinding (For Cases Diagnosed January 1, 2012 and Later)

Appendix M.1 and M.2 Common Acceptable Symbols and Abbreviations in Term Order

Added High Intensity Focused Ultrasound, HIFU, HIFUS, FUS and Papillary Urothelial Neoplasm of Low Malignant Potential, PUNLMP to the acceptable abbreviations list.

Appendix Q-2 FORDS Surgery Codes - Prostate

Added clarification for Code 17 regarding coding of high intensity focused ultrasound (HIFU).

Appendix Y.3 Index to CSv02.04 Site Specific Factors

Added site specific factor tables for CSv02.04. Changed title for Lung, SSF 2 to Pleural/Elastic Layer Invasion (PL) by H&E or Elastic Stain.

Appendix Z 1 CER Data Dictionary

Updated to latest version dated January 2012.