

# The Criterion

California Cancer Registry

October, 2009

## Chirps!

### Patient Identifiers:

- 📁 Address at Diagnosis: The CCR is a population based cancer registry and as such, the main purpose of the address field is to identify the patient's residence at the time the cancer was first diagnosed, NOT the patient's current address. It is important that staff who perform follow-up in the registry are carefully trained on this issue. Reference: Vol. 1, Section III.2.5

### Tumor Data:

- 📁 Behavior: Paget's Disease and intraductal carcinoma of the breast can be coded in situ, behavior code /2, only if the pathology report specifically states that the Paget's disease is in situ (MP/H Rule H24); or invasive, behavior code /3, if the Paget's disease is stated as invasive or if the behavior is not stated (MP/H Rule H25). This item is of particular importance when coding SSF 6 for breast cancer cases.
- 📁 CS Lymph Nodes – Ovary: Pericolonic lymph nodes are "regional" lymph nodes for an ovarian primary. If you do not have enough information to assign codes 12-30, assign code 50 [Regional lymph nodes, NOS]. Reference: SEER SINQ 20091041