

# The Criterion

California Cancer Registry

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### Patient Identifiers:

- Childhood abstracts: When abstracting childhood cases remember to document parents' names, parents' occupation/industry, and to list the child's name in the Contact field. Reference: Vol. 1, Section III.2.1.9 and Section III.2.13.3
- Patient Middle Name: Abstracts are being submitted with NMN, NR, or UNK in this field. Leave this field blank if there is no middle name, initial, or not known. Reference: Vol. 1, Section III.2.1.3
- Spanish Surname: Use Code 7, Spanish Surname Only, for patients whose name appears on the official list of Spanish Surnames even when the Race is Unknown, Code 99. Reference: Vol. 1, Appendix O

### Tumor Data:

- DxRx: If your facility does not have its own pathology lab or utilizes an independent pathology lab record the number for the pathology lab not your facility number. Reference: Vol 1, Section IV.3.1
- Surgery – Lymphoma: If a lymph node was biopsied or removed use code 25 in the Surgery Field for cases diagnosed through December 31, 2008. Beginning with cases diagnosed January 1, 2009 use code 02 in the Diagnostic or Staging Procedure field. Reference: DSQC Memo 2008-06
- Surgery – Breast. Breast surgery with reconstruction using tissue expanders is coded to “reconstruction –implant”. Tissue expanders are used to create space for the implant. Reference: Vol. 1, Appendix Q-2
- Scope of Lymph Node Surgery: If a regional node was aspirated or biopsied, code regional lymph node(s) removed, NOS (Code 1) regardless of extent of involvement. Reference: Vol. 1, Section VI.2.2
- SSF1 and SSF 2 – Testis: Code these fields to the highest value after an orchiectomy. If there is no orchiectomy, code 999. If there is no AFP or HCG post orchiectomy, use code 999. Reference: DSQC Memo 2006-02, CCR-IS 2508 and 3301
- Histology- Code 8260 for papillary carcinoma of the thyroid and papillary carcinoma of the renal parenchyma. Code 8050 is not applicable for these sites; a software edit is forthcoming. There was a change with the publication of ICD-0-3 noted in Appendix 2, page 228. The rationale is that renal parenchyma and thyroid are both glandular tissue, thus it is understood that papillary carcinoma of these sites is papillary adenocarcinoma and coded accordingly. Reference: SEER SINQ 20031034 and 20071036
- Histology – Code 8130 for papillary transitional cell carcinoma for the renal pelvis, bladder, and other urinary. Reference: MPH Manual, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Other Urinary Schema, Rule H4.