

The Data They Are A-Changin'Again

It seems that we implemented Collaborative Staging just a year or two ago. It is hard to believe that we are approaching six years of using Collaborative Staging! It is a testament to all that data changes can go smoothly with well educated and trained registrars. With that in mind, we look forward to a smooth transition to Collaborative Stage Data System (CSv2) and the new Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules for Hematopoietic and Lymphoma primaries both of which are effective with cases diagnosed January 1, 2010. You are probably wondering what training opportunities will be available to learn about the changes in coding and data collection. The following information should allay your concerns and assist you in planning for these changes.

CSv2

The three SEER Registries that comprise the California Cancer Registry were fortunate to send five individuals to the Collaborative Stage Data System (aka CSv2) training in Chicago last July. They were Kamala Kowshik and Shawky Matta from the Northern California Cancer Center, Michelle King from the Los Angeles Cancer Surveillance Program, and Gerri Totoian and Katheryne Vance from the Cancer Registry of Greater California. Additionally, Katheryne attended the CDC's NPCR annual Trainer's Conference in Atlanta, where CSv2 was one of many agenda items.

These individuals will be the trainers for the statewide training workshops offered in 2010. They have been having conversations and are making plans for a series of one day trainings. These trainings will be offered in all of the regions at various locations and dates to be announced. Each training session will consist of the same agenda, presentations, and sample cases, assuring that attendees will be receiving the same training no matter where attended. A master calendar will be available and distributed to all registrars and posted on the CCR web site. At least one training session will be held in each CCR region. This format worked very well for the Multiple Primary and Histology training in 2007 and we anticipate it will lead to a seamless transition to CSv2. The best part of all is that this training is completely free!

MP/H for Hematopoietic and Lymphoma Primaries

Starting with cases diagnosed 1/1/2010, the old fold out grid (Appendix R) used to determine multiple primaries will be obsolete and the new *2010 Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Case Reportability and Coding Manual* goes into effect! This manual is similar to the Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules that we currently use for solid tumors. Training will be available, and necessary. What's New?

SEER will be providing a series of 11 pre-recorded training module webinars, with each webinar approximately 30-45 minutes in length. At the end of each webinar, there will be a quiz to test your understanding and CE units will be available for each module. The goal of the training module webinars: each registrar can view the training module on his/her own time schedule! The webinars are purposely kept short, to maintain your attention span. However, you will not be restricted if you want to review view more than one webinar in a day. The choice is yours!

The webinars will be posted on the SEER website <http://www.seer.cancer.gov/registrars/>, available in November.

The webinars will review the background of why the rule changes were necessary, hematopoietic/lymphoid lineages, disease diagnostic processes, how to use the *2010 Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Case Reportability and Coding Manual* and its companion, the *Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Database (a downloadable electronic database, similar to SEER*Rx)*, and training on the individual sections of the rules themselves. All questions will be direct to SEER, and a Q&A system will be developed separate from the current SEER SINQ to address just the 2010 hematopoietic and lymphoid neoplasm multiple primary and histology questions.

This is a new training method that SEER hopes will be very beneficial to all.