



Quality Control Unit

Data Alert - Registrar 2018-05

CoC releases new Standards for Oncology Registry Entry 2018 (aka STORE 2018 Manual) (formally referred to as the FORDS manual)

The Commission on Cancer (CoC) has announced the publication of their new STORE manual which can be accessed from the American College of Surgeons website, Registry Manuals and Coding Guidelines at the following link:

<https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/ncdb/registrymanuals/cocmanuals>

Significant changes included in the new manual per CoC are:

- Implementation of AJCC Eighth Edition Staging System
- Six new data items for collection of more specific information on sentinel and regional nodes
- Reclassification of Collaborative Stage (CS) Site-Specific Factors (SSF) as discrete data items (aka Site Specific Data Items or SSDI)
- Implementation of new site specific data collection infrastructure for collection of Grade
- New radiation data items

CoC further advises that the following data items are under review by SEER, CoC, and

NAACCR. Therefore, updated instructions pertaining to the following data fields will be released in the near future:

- Surgical Margins of Primary Site (1320)
- Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery (1292)
- Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery at this Facility (672)
- Surgical Procedure/Other Site (1294)
- Surgical Procedure/Other Site at this Facility (674)

CoC does not anticipate further data changes in collection of cancer data until 2020. CoC will be using the NAACCR version 18 standards throughout 2019.

The CANSWER Forum has been set up to include new sub-forums to accommodate STORE-specific questions at <http://cancerbulletin.facs.org/forums/>

For any other questions or concerns, please contact the NCDB at ncdb@facs.org

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