



Quality Control Unit

Data Alert - Registrar 2017-017

Cases Diagnosed in 2018 – Important Information

Do not transmit 2018 cases until you have been notified by the CCR that we are ready to receive 2018 cases and your software vendor has upgraded to v18.

NOTE: 2018 date dx cases transmitted in a previous record layout version (i.e., v16) will be REJECTED by Eureka.

Hospital timeliness reporting will most likely be suspended during this time, therefore, any reporting delays due to the software availability will not result in negative hospital timeliness reports. Registrars will be notified when the timeliness reporting will be suspended and when it will be reinstated via Data Alert.

Concurrent Abstracting:

Abstractors who intend to perform concurrent abstracting in 2018, please be advised of the following:

- Your vendor software will provide instructions for how to convert your 2018 cases abstracted in v16 software.
- If abstraction of cases diagnosed in 2018 is started in v16 software,
 - **THE FOLLOWING MUST NOT BE COMPLETED** as new 2018 data items will be required to collect the information:

- **Grade:** The current grade data item will be replaced by three separate data items for grade assessed during the clinical and pathologic timeframes or for cases that had neoadjuvant therapy administered.
- **AJCC T, N, M, Stage Groups and Descriptors:** The current T, N, M data items are being replaced by similar items for the AJCC 8th Edition, with more space for the categories and a new way to code descriptors.
- **CS Site-Specific Factors 1-25:** All CS Site-Specific Factors (SSFs) will be replaced by individual data items, specific to the information being collected. Not all SSFs are collected moving forward; some completely new data items are being added. Some of the SSFs were revised to align with CAP protocols and AJCC 8th Edition.
- **Radiation Treatment:** New data items have been added to update the way phases of radiation treatment and treatment target volumes are described.

Additional Recommendations:

- It is recommended that as much textual documentation as possible be captured to facilitate completion of new/changed data items once abstracting software has been updated to v18. This is particularly important since the timeframe for software being ready is not known, and the magnitude and scope of changes which will be included in the final 2018 specifications is unknown.
- **EDITS:** Until v18-compliant software is available, when performing concurrent abstracting for 2018 cases, registrars should focus on completing as many data items as possible (especially text fields) except for the above-mentioned data items. Additionally, new histology codes have been added, thus some cases may need to be revisited to abstract the appropriate histology code.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Hospital registry software systems are currently running v16-compliant edits. As a result, no attempt should be made to resolve edit errors generated on the above-mentioned data items for cases diagnosed in 2018. Registrars should not assign codes for any of the above data items with the purpose of passing v16 edits.

CoC Programs and Rapid Quality Reporting System (RQRS)

- Details for submitting RQRS of 2018 data for NCDB standards prior to available v18 software will be provided in upcoming communications directly from the CoC in the near future.

- Note this is a separate process from submitting your cases to the CCR.

General Information:

In addition to the new data items previously mentioned, other changes for 2018 include the following:

- Site-specific Data Items (SSDI's)
- Revised Solid Tumor Rules (formerly known as the Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules)
- Revised Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Database
- New histology codes
- 2018 Summary Stage
- 2018 Extent of Disease
- CoC STORE Manual

For additional information on some of the coming 2018 data changes please see the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) 2018 Implementation Update, Session 3, on the NAACCR website at the following link: <https://www.naacr.org/2018-implementation/>

The California Cancer Registry will provide a comprehensive overview of the 2018 Data Changes and California's requirements in the Spring of 2018, after all standard setters have determined their final requirements.

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