DATE FLAG GUIDE

Dates transmitted between facility registries and central registries changed to improve the interoperability or communication of cancer registry data with other electronic record systems.

Depending on the registry software, the date flag codes may be applied in the background and may not apparent to the registrar. Since only actual known dates are entered in interoperable date items, the date flags are used to explain the reason the date field is blank.

Registry software may display dates in the traditional manner or in the interoperable format. Traditional dates are displayed in MMDDCCYY form, with 99 representing unknown day or month portions, and 99999999 representing a completely unknown date. In traditional form, some dates also permit 88888888 or 00000000 for special meaning.

Interoperable dates are displayed in CCYYMMDD form with the unknown portions of the date filled with blank spaces. If a date is entirely blank, an associated date flag is used to explain the missing date. An allowable date must contain the year.

Consult your software vendor for specific data entry instructions.

Description	Traditional Date	Interoperable Date	Date Flag
Full date known	MMDDCCYY	CCYYMMDD	Blank
Month and year known	MM99CCYY	CCYYMMbb	Blank
Year only known	9999CCYY	CCYYbbbb	Blank
Unknown date	99999999	bbbbbbbb	10, 11, 12, or 15*

b= blank   * Allowable date flag values

GENERATED DATE FLAG FIELDS

The following date flag fields are generated by the system and do not require data entry.

- Date Most Definitive Surgery Flag
- Date Systemic Treatment Flag
- Summ Systemic Surgery Sequence Flag
- Date of Initial Treatment Flag

DATE FLAG FIELDS

Date of Birth Flag

12	Date of Birth cannot be determined
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of First Contact Flag

12	Date of first contact cannot be determined
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of Inpatient Admission and Date of Inpatient Discharge Flags

10	No information, unknown if an inpatient
11	Patient was never an inpatient
12	Patient was inpatient but the date is unknown
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of Diagnosis Flag

The date of diagnosis flag must always be blank. Date of Diagnosis will always have a full or partial date recorded. At a minimum, the year of diagnosis is required for all cases.

Date of Conclusive Diagnosis Flag

10	Unknown if based on ambiguous terminology
11	Date cannot be determined, diagnosed originally or within 60 days using unambiguous terminology
12	Date cannot be determined, diagnosed using ambiguous terminology, conclusively diagnosed > 60 days later
15	Diagnosed using ambiguous terminology, no conclusive diagnosis followed
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of Multiple Tumors Flag

11	Multiple tumors not collected for this site/histology
12	Date cannot be determined, but known to be multiple tumors
15	Single tumor
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of Diagnostic or Staging Surgical Procedures Flag

10	Unknown whether a surgical diagnostic or staging procedure was performed
11	No surgical diagnostic or staging procedure was performed
12	Date cannot be determined for surgical diagnostic or staging performed
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of Surgery Flag

10	Unknown whether any procedure performed
11	No procedure planned or performed
12	Date cannot be determined for procedure performed
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date Radiation Therapy Flag

10	Unknown whether radiation therapy was given
11	No radiation therapy planned or given
12	Date cannot be determined for radiation therapy received during first course
15	Radiation therapy is planned; start date is not yet available
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date Chemotherapy Flag

10	Unknown whether any chemotherapy was given
11	No chemotherapy planned or given
12	Date cannot be determined for chemotherapy received during first course
15	Chemotherapy is planned; start date is not yet available
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of Hormone Therapy Flag

10	Unknown whether any hormone therapy was given
11	No hormone therapy planned or given
12	Date cannot be determined for hormone therapy received during first course
15	Hormone therapy is planned; start date is not yet available
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of Immunotherapy (BRM) Flag

10	Unknown whether immunotherapy was given
11	No immunotherapy planned or given
12	Date cannot be determined for immunotherapy received during first course
15	Immunotherapy is planned; start date is not yet available
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of Transplant/Endocrine Procedure Flag

10	Unknown whether transplant/endocrine therapy was given
11	No transplant/endocrine therapy planned or given
12	Date cannot be determined for transplant/endocrine therapy received during first course
15	Transplant/endocrine therapy is planned; start date is not yet available
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of Other Therapy Flag

10	Unknown whether other therapy was given
11	No other therapy planned or given
12	Date cannot be determined for other therapy received during first course
15	Other therapy is planned; start date is not yet available
Blank	Full or partial date recorded

Date of Last Contact Flag

12	Date cannot be determined
Blank	Full or partial date recorded