Race and ethnicity are two very important data items to epidemiologists who investigate cancer. The National Cancer Institute has recognized the need to better explain the cancer burden in racial/ethnic minorities and is concerned with research on the full diversity of the U.S. population. The CCR recognizes the importance of these data items and relies on quality data to assist researchers in identifying and reducing disparities due to race and ethnicity.

1. Race code documentation must be supported by text documentation for those cases where there is conflicting information. Outlined below are examples of when text documentation would be required.

**NOTE: These examples are not intended to demonstrate all possible scenarios.**

**Scenarios Demonstrating Conflicting Race Information:**

A. Name: June Hashimoto
   Race: White
   Birthplace: Unknown
   Marital Status: Single

B. Name: Bob Nguyen
   Race: White
   Birthplace: Mexico

C. Name: Robert Jackson
   Race: Mexican
   Birthplace: California

D. Name: Moon Smith
   Race: Japanese
   Birthplace: California
   Marital Status: Married

E. Name: Maria Tran
   Race: White
   Birthplace: Spain
   Marital Status: Separated

F. Name: Carlos Johnson
   Race: Black
   Ethnicity: Hispanic
   Birthplace: California
G. Name: Arlene Thompson  
   Race: Filipino  
   Birthplace: California  
   Marital Status: Divorced

2. A text statement indicating patient’s race, i.e., “Pt is Japanese”, is required for conflicting types of cases (see #1). This information must be entered in either the physical exam or remarks text fields.

3. Cases with conflicting information that lack supporting text documentation will be returned as queries and counted as discrepancies.

4. While race code documentation is only required when there is conflicting information, CCR recognizes the importance of race code documentation and strongly recommends that registrars continue to document race in the physical exam or remarks fields. Remember to search beyond the facesheet for the most definitive race and/or ethnicity information.

5. In version 1.2.3 of C/NExT, the Remarks screen is now accessible near the demographic information in addition to where it was originally located for registrar’s convenience in documenting race information.