



## Quality Control Unit

### Data Alert - Registrar 2019-02

#### Solid Tumor Rules- January 2019 Update

The 2018 Solid Tumor Rules were published June 2018 without prior beta testing. As a result, registrars using the rules identified issues. Based on questions and suggestions received since release of the 2018 rules, SEER has added clarifications, additional notes and examples, and in a few sites, rules. A comprehensive change log has also been posted to the SEER site for reference. These revisions do not require you to review and or re-abstract 2018 cases.

**IMPORTANT:** SEER has added clarifications and specific criteria that must be met to code a histology identified only by ambiguous terminology. This information is in the Histology rules section of each revised site.

**The updated rules published January 2019 apply to the following sites only:**

- Breast
- Colon/Rectum
- Head & Neck
- Lung
- Kidney
- Malignant CNS

- Non-malignant CNS
- Urinary

The 2018 Solid Tumor are now available in a consolidated PDF file and can be accessed at the following site: <https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/>

**Revision status for remaining 2007 Multiple Primary and Histology site rules:**

SEER is currently working on revisions to the remaining two MP/H site groups. Release date of the final sites has not yet been determined. Based on the recent WHO 4th Ed Tumors of Skin, SEER does not expect major changes to the cutaneous melanoma rules.

**Other sites:**

SEER has identified the need to separate select sites into individual modules. These site-specific rules may be individual sections within the Other sites rules, or free-standing modules. Revisions will be based on the following 4th Ed WHO Blue Books:

- Tumors of Endocrine Organs
- Female Reproductive Organs
- Tumors of Soft Tissue & Bone
- Tumors of Male Genital Organs (included in the Tumors of Urinary System BB)

**Education:**

The Solid Tumor module will be added to SEER\*Educate soon. The registrar community will be notified when the module is available. Additional educational modules will be developed and available through NCRA free of charge.

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