



Quality Control Unit Data Alert - Registrar 2019-18

Standard Setter Coordinated Release of Registry Updates scheduled for September 4, 2019

On Behalf of NAACCR, NCI SEER, and CDC NPCR we would like to share the following information.

In April 2019, cancer surveillance leadership decided to delay changes to the NAACCR data exchange layout until 2021 in order to allow the registry community to focus on collection and processing of 2018 cases. While this decision minimizes software changes, over the last few months it has become clear that registries will benefit from updating some of the existing software routines, coding manuals and edit sets to address errors and clarify coding instructions. These updates will help registries to collect and report high quality cancer data.

NAACCR, NCI SEER and CDC NPCR are collaborating to provide these modifications in a single release on September 4, 2019.

- Clarifications to coding instructions and data item-specific coding instructions were made by the NAACCR SSDI Work Group based on questions received from registrars. These clarifications have been synchronized between the CANSwer forum, AJCC Staging Manual 8, AJCC API, SSDI and Grade coding manuals and registry software.
- Clarifications to coding instructions for EOD and Summary Stage were made by NCI SEER based on questions from registrars and results of the Reliability Study in the Spring of 2019.

WHAT WILL THIS MEAN FOR YOUR REGISTRY?

- **Registrars should review the clarifications to coding instructions.**
- **Registrars are not required to change previously abstracted cases based on revised coding instructions and/or code definitions for SSDIs, EOD data items and updated Solid Tumor Rules.**
- **No changes have been made to the codes for these data items.**

Click [here](#) to review the complete NAACCR, NCI SEER and CDC NPCR coordinated updates scheduled for September 4, 2019.

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