



## Quality Control Unit Data Memorandum Alert - Registrar 2021-01

**Subject:** Grade Manual, version 2.01

Coding instructions have been updated in the Grade Manual to clarify the following:

- General Grade Coding Instructions for Solid Tumors:
  - Note 5 added to explain how to code Grade when a case is sent out for consult and the grade result is different than the original case. The grade is to be recorded from the results from the consult.
- Coding Guidelines updated throughout the manual to clarify when to leave the data items Grade Post Therapy Clin (yc) and Grade Post Therapy (yp) blank.
- Notes added to schemas to distinguish the use of the preferred grading system.
- Notes added throughout the manual to describe when to use post therapy clinical workup from the primary tumor in certain scenarios based on behavior or surgical resection.
- Added terminology Grade Post Therapy Clin (yc) and changed Grade Post Therapy to Post Therapy Path (yp)
- Changed verbiage from AJCC 8<sup>th</sup> Edition to the current AJCC Cancer Staging System

**Important Note:** Coding instructions that affect Volume I will be incorporated into the next revision to the California Cancer Reporting System Standards, Volume I: Abstracting and Coding Procedures.

***Sections for update:***

- *V.4.1.3 Grade – Post Therapy Clin (yc)*
- *V.4.1.4 Grade – Post Therapy Path (yp)*

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