



Cancer Reporting in California

Appendix H Q-TIPS

California Cancer Reporting System Standards, Volume I: Abstracting and Coding Procedures

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Appendix H: Q-TIPS

CCR Education-Abstracting-Coding Quality tips or “Q-Tips” are educational handouts developed to provide educational quality tips which are topic specific (primary site, individual data items, histology codes, disease characteristics, etc.) in an effort to improve coding and abstracting.

Q-Tips are developed in collaboration between the following registries:

- California Cancer Registry
- Greater Bay Area Cancer Registry
- Cancer Registry of Greater California
- Cancer Surveillance Program

Note: CCR “Q-Tips” are not designed to provide complete training information for all data fields related to a specific primary site or topic, but instead, address only those topics or data items which have been identified as needing review and/or clarification. The CCR “Q-Tips” do not replace the need to use all the usual abstracting and coding references for data collection.

See FLccSC for the CCR Q-Tips:

Beginning with 2021, CCR Q-Tips will only be available in the CCR learning management system FLccSC. To access your existing FlccSC account or Register as a new FLccSC User click here: [FLccSC - Fundamental Learning Collaborative for the Cancer Surveillance Community](#)

To access:

- Login to FLccSC; select course category “Q-Tips.”
- Find the “Q-Tips” you wish to review and “enroll.”
- “Enrolling” will move the Q-Tip to your Enrolled Courses tab where you can open it for review online or download it directly to your computer for saving.
- Once you have reviewed the Q-Tip and “finished” it will move to your Completed courses tab where it will remain indefinitely for review as needed.

Year	“Q-Tips” Titles
2026	New Q-Tips will be published throughout the year and will be listed in the CCR Education and Training Quarterly Update data alert
2025	Appendix LAMN Tumors - Histologic Subtype and Behavior SEER SSF1 HPV Status - Non-Oropharyngeal Cancers SEER SSF1 HPV Status - Oropharyngeal Cancers
2024	Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery Neoadjuvant Therapy Data Items – Coding Clarifications - REVISED January 2025
2023	Melanoma Skin - NEW Surgery of Primary Site Codes and SSDIs for 2023+ - REVISED February 2025 Melanoma Skin - Diagnosis Years 2018 and Forward

	Urinary Bladder TURBT and EOD Primary Tumor Coding Reminder Neoadjuvant Therapy Data Items - Coding Clarifications
2022	Series - Primary Brain Cancer Coding Clarifications – Surgery, SSDIs, Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brain Surgery of Primary Site Coding Clarifications • Brain SSDIs • Brain Tumor Clinical and Pathological Grade
2021	Lung 2018 Summary Stage Coding Clarification
2020	None released
2019	Coding Spanish Origin Coding Diagnostic Confirmation-Revised 2018 SSDI CRM Coding Clarifications
2018	Before You Code Primary Site as Unknown Surgery of Primary Site-Breast Part 1 of 2 Surgery of Primary Site-Breast Part 2 of 2 Colon-2018 CCR Colon Audit/Coding clarifications Papillary Carcinoma Coding Guideline
2017	Cancer of the Lip and Reportability Collecting Address at Diagnosis Bladder Cancer & Coding Surgery
2016	Inflammatory Breast Cancer Lymphoma-Coding Specific Histologies Part 1 of 2 Lymphoma-Coding Specific Histologies Part 2 of 2 Thyroid Cancer Melanoma
2015	Endometrium