Cancer Reporting in California

Appendix I
Coding Resources

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

Twenty-Sixth Edition

Released: January 2026

Prepared By:

California Cancer Registry

Cancer Informatics and IT Systems Unit

Editors:

Mary K. Brant, B.S., ODS-C

Donna M. Hansen, ODS-C

Janine Smith, B.S., ODS-C

State of California:

Department of Health Services

Dr. Mark Damesyn, CDRSB, Chief

Appendix I - Coding Resources

A list of helpful Coding Resources is provided here, for registrars to reference when abstracting. These are intended to be used as a supplement to Volume 1. See Volume 1 for all CCR-specific coding instructions.

Reminders:

- CCR Volume 1 takes priority over the SEER manual whenever there are any differences in reportability or coding instructions.
  - **Do not** use the Solid Tumor Rules to determine reportability.
- For cases diagnosed 2018 and forward, always use the **most current version of the:**
  - SSDI Manual
  - Summary Stage Manual
  - SEER*RSA
  - Solid Tumor Rules
  - EOD Manual
  - Grade Manual
- **The manuals listed below are updated annually**. To access historical standard setter manuals, view the standard setter website linked in the "Reference Resources for Coding, In Addition to Volume I" below, and obtain the historical manuals. Access the manual for the year of diagnosis you are coding.
  - CCR Volume I
  - SEER Program Coding and Staging
  - ICD-O-3
  - STORE
  - Hematopoietic & Lymphoid Neoplasm Database/Coding Manual
  - AJCC Version 9
- **Access any addenda, clarifications, corrections, errata, replacement pages, revisions, and/or updates.**

Reference Resources for Coding, in Addition to Volume I:

AJCC Version 9 Cancer Staging System

American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC). v9 - New York: Amazon Kindle, July 2020-October 2025. *https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/ajcc/cancer-staging/manual*

AJCC Cancer Staging Manual

American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC). 8th ed - New York: Springer-Verlag, 2017. Updates and Corrections: (bottom of page). Published October 2025. *https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/ajcc/cancer-staging/manual*

Data Collection of Primary Central Nervous System Tumors

Data collection of primary central nervous system tumors; National Program of Cancer Registries training materials; Authors(s): Clutter, Gayle, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

(U.S.), National Program of Cancer Registries.; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (U.S.); Published 2004. *Data Collection of Primary Central Nervous System Tumors; URL: https://stacks.cdc.gov/view/cdc/11345*

Extent of Disease (EOD) 2018 General Coding Instructions

Ruhl JL, Callaghan C, Schussler N (eds.) Extent of Disease (EOD) 2018 General Coding Instructions, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD. Published December 2025. *https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/staging/*

Grade Coding Instructions and Tables

Ruhl J, Hofferkamp J, et al. Grade Manual. NAACCR, Springfield, IL 62704-4194. Published December 2025. https://staging.seer.cancer.gov/eod_public/manuals/3.3/

Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Coding Manual

Ruhl J, Callaghan C, Janes T, Adams S (October 2025). *Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Coding Manual*. National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD, 2025. Published October 2025. *https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/heme/*

Hematopoietic Database (Hematopoietic DB)

Ruhl J, Callaghan C, Janes T, Adams S (October 2025). *Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Coding Manual*. National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD, 2025. Published October 2025. *https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/heme/*

ICD-O-3.2 Implementation Documents for Implementation in 2026

Guidelines for ICD-O-3.2 Histology Code and Behavior Update Implementation. North American Association or Central Registries, Implementation Work Group. Published April 2025. *https://www.naaccr.org/icdo3/*

Pediatric Data Collection System and Staging Manual

Ruhl JL, Costantini A, Schussler N, Gupta S, Frazier L, Aitken J, Youlden D, (eds.) Pediatric Staging Manual, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD. December 2023. *https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/staging/pediatric/*

SEER Program and Staging Manual 2026

Sanchez P, Groves C, Adamo M. (September 2025). *SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2026*. National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD 20892. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services National Institutes of Health National Cancer Institute. Published September 2025. *https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/staging/*

SEER*RSA - Registrar Staging Assistant

SEER (Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program). *SEER*RSA-Registrar Staging System* [Bethesda]: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services, National Institutes of Health, 2025 (applicable for cases diagnosed January 1, 2018 forward). Published December 2025. *https://staging.seer.cancer.gov/eod_public/home/3.3/*

SEER*Rx - Interactive Antineoplastic Drug Database

SEER (Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program). [Bethesda]: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Services, National Institutes of Health, 2007 (applicable for cases diagnosed January 1, 2005 forward). *https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/seerrx*

Site-Specific Data Item (SSDI) Manual

Ruhl J, Hofferkamp J, et al. *Site-Specific Data Item (SSDI) Manual.* NAACCR, Springfield, IL 62704-4194. December 2025. https://staging.seer.cancer.gov/eod_public/manuals/3.3/

STandards for Oncology Registry Entry: (STORE) 2026
ACoS (American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer). [Chicago]: STandards for Oncology Registry Entry (STORE). Published August 2025. *https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/ncdb/call-for-data*

Solid Tumor Rules
Dickie, L., Adams, S., Harrison, D., Hofferkamp, J., Traverso-Ortiz, M., Van Dyke, A., Negoita, S. (December 2025). Solid Tumor Rules. National Cancer Institute, Rockville, MD 20850. Published December 2025. *https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/*

Summary Stage 2018 General Coding Instructions
Ruhl JL, Callaghan C, Schussler N (eds.) *Summary Stage 2018: Codes and Coding Instructions*, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, MD, 2025. Published December 2025. *https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/staging/*

Helpful References, although not necessary for Abstracting and Coding

A Cancer Registrar's Guide to Collecting Industry and Occupation
Department of Health and Human Services, Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health.
http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2011-173

Ask a SEER Registrar
https://seer.cancer.gov/registrars/contact.html
- Topic/Manuals to Ask a SEER Registrar (any year)
  - Reporting Guidelines
    - Solid Tumor Rules (for cases diagnosed 2018+)
    - Multiple Primary & Histology Rules (for cases diagnosed 2007-2017)
    - ICD-O-3 Update (For cases diagnosed 2018+)
    - Hematopoietic Rules (database and manual)
    - SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual
    - SEER*Rx
    - Cancer PathCHART (CPC)
  - Staging:
    - Extent of Disease (EOD 2018)
    - Summary Stage 2018 (SS2018)
    - Pediatric (2024+)

- Collaborative Stage (for cases diagnosed 2016-2017)

California Cancer Registry Inquiry System

California Cancer Registry, UC Davis Health System

https://www.ccrcal.org/submit-data/cancer-registrars-hospitals-and-facilities/ccris-cancer-registry-inquiry-system/

California Cancer Registry – Registrar Education and Training

- Fundamental Learning Collaborative for the Cancer Surveillance Community (FLccSC "flossy") the CCR free learning management system. FLccSC includes recordings of the monthly NAACCR webinars, each earning 3 CEs, as well as recordings of the CCR statewide annual education, and shared education from other standards setters or state cancer registries as appropriate. Link to register for a FLccSC user account:

  http://cas.fcdslms.med.miami.edu.

CAnswer Forum

Commission on Cancer, American College of Surgeons.

http://cancerbulletin.facs.org/forums/

- Topics currently available for networking and discussion:
  - Commission on Cancer Programs 2020 Standards (CoC)
  - National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) (2018)
  - National Accreditation Program for Breast Centers (NAPBC) (2024)
  - National Accreditation Program for Rectal Cancer (NAPRC) (2020)
  - American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) TNM Version 9
  - American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) TNM Staging 8th Edition
  - American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) TNM Staging 7th Edition
  - Standards For Oncology Registry Entry (STORE)
  - Rapid Cancer Reporting System (RCRS)
  - Site Specific Data Items/ Grade 2018
  - Ask The Pathologist (Moderated by CAP)

SEER Inquiry System (SINQ): Resolved Questions

SEER (Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results Program).

https://seer.cancer.gov/seerinquiry/index.php

U.S. Postal Service National Zip Code & Post Office Directory

https://www.usps.com