



Mississippi Cancer Registry Newsletter

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Why Audit?

Population-based central cancer registries are required to collect data on cancer and other reportable tumors. The Mississippi Cancer Registry (MCR) must verify that all reportable cases are being identified and reported to MCR and all information submitted to the registry is accurate and consistent.

Case-finding and Re-abstracting Audits are viewed as an essential process to evaluate completeness of case ascertainment and the accuracy and validity of submitted data.

All hospitals reporting data to the Mississippi Cancer Registry are eligible for an audit once every five years. Military and Veterans Administration hospitals are not required for audit because they are not subject to State Laws.

If you have any questions or would like to know when your facility is due for your next audit, please contact me.

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Annual Spring Educational Meeting



April 26-27, 2018

University of MS Medical Center
Jackson Medical Mall
350 W Woodrow Wilson Ave, Jackson, MS 39213

The guest speaker is **Dr. Fredrick Greene**. This two day event will provide an educational forum for healthcare professionals to broaden their knowledge with the cancer registry. The registration fee is \$55 for MCRA members and \$100 for Non-MCRA members. Breakfast will be provided on both days and lunch will be provided on the first day. Continuing Education Hours will be awarded upon the approval from NCRA.

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Welcome



MCR welcomes new Cancer Registrar, **Stephanie Engelman, RHIT CCA**
and Student Researcher, **Camryn Fleming**.

NMMC Cancer Registry would like to welcome **Suzanne Jackson** as their Cancer Registry Manager.

MS Baptist Medical Center welcomes two new Cancer Registrars **Debbie Campbell, RHIT**
and **Ashton Smith, RHIT**.

Thank You



Dear MCRA Friends,

Thank you for the gift card and card of concern for me during my illness. Please bear with me as my mind is getting back into the swing of things.

Thanks Again, Cindy.



Dear MCRA Members and Friends,

Thank you so much for the retirement card and the gift certificate you all sent to me recently. Thank you for your kind words about my retirement from UMMC. I have already used the gift certificate to purchase new tennis bag. I have enjoyed the relationships with the many people I have met and worked with over the years through the Mississippi Cancer Registry Association. I hope I get to attend some of the future MCRA meeting and workshops.

Debbie Christie

Timely Reporting Schedule

Month Diagnosed	Report to MCR
February 2017	October 2017
March 2017	November 2017
April 2017	December 2017
May 2017	January 2018
June 2017	February 2018
July 2017	March 2018



Upcoming Webinars

- 1/11/18 Collecting Cancer Data: GIST and Soft Tissue Sarcomas
- 2/1/18 Collecting Cancer Data: Stomach and Esophagus
- 3/1/18 Abstracting and Coding Boot Camp: Cancer Case Scenarios

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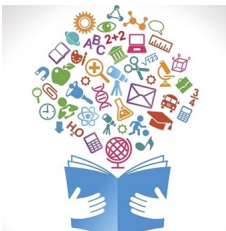
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Educational Corner

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CE Requirements



Certified Tumor Registrars (CTR) must complete a minimum of 20 hours of continuing education (CE) to maintain a certified status. The required 20 CE hours helps keep CTRs current on new developments in the field of oncology and registry data management. At least four (4) of the required 20 CE hours must fall within "[Category A](#)" which covers the specific topic(s) of: directly assigned stage and/or site specific coding principles.

<http://www.ncra-usa.org/Portals/68/PDFs/CategoryA-CTR-FAQ.pdf?ver=2017-05-16-213728-470>

Examples for Category A are activities that:

- # Demonstrate assigning AJCC stage
- # Describe information needed to assign SEER Summary Stage
- # Analyze the changes from AJCC 7th edition to AJCC 8th edition
- # Discuss the rules from staging using AJCC with edition staging manual
- # Discuss site-specific AJCC or SEER Summary staging

RX Summ – Treatment Status

Code	Definition
0	No Treatment Given
1	Treatment Given
2	Active Surveillance (Watchful Waiting)
9	Unknown If Treatment Was Given

Known Treatment:

Surgery, Resection, Excision
Chemotherapy
Radiation Therapy
Hormone Therapy
Immunotherapy
Hematologic Transplant & Endocrine Procedures
Other Treatment

Watchful Waiting/Active Surveillance:

- ◆ RX Summary Status = 2
- ◆ Date of 1st Course Treatment = Date watchful waiting/surveillance decided
- ◆ Text – include the information on date and decision for watchful waiting/surveillance in treatment text field

Unknown Treatment

- ◆ If it is unknown that treatment was given or planned – Do **NOT** code Date of First Course Treatment as the biopsy date. It is important to include in text that the treatment is unknown.
- ◆ Text must and should back up all codes in the abstract.
 - ◆ In text fields include dates, treatments given, treatment planned, and if there is a delay in treatment - an explanation for the delay.

Reference: FORDS 2016, page 229-317



Reminders

- * DO NOT code Collaborative Stage (CS) for 2016 cases. AJCC TNM and Summary Stage 2000 should be used for all 2016 cases.
- * DO NOT use CS Tumor Size to code cases diagnosed 01/01/2016 and later.
- * If the patient does not meet the criteria for clinical staging (no information prior to surgical treatment), the clinical TNM is to be left blank with the stage group coded to 99.



TEXT, TEXT, TEXT

Why is text important?

- * Text information is readily available to defend coded items without going back to source document.
- * Provides the patient's cancer information in a readable format.
- * Documents unusual occurrences.
- * Verifies edit checks. Central registry staff use text to verify coding discrepancies between facilities for the same patient.
- * Provides information for:
 - ~ Re-abstracting Audits – part of quality control at the central registry
 - ~ Researcher use – confirm validity of data
 - ~ Facility use – defends codes, document treatment from outside facilities

The NAACCR Recommended Abbreviations

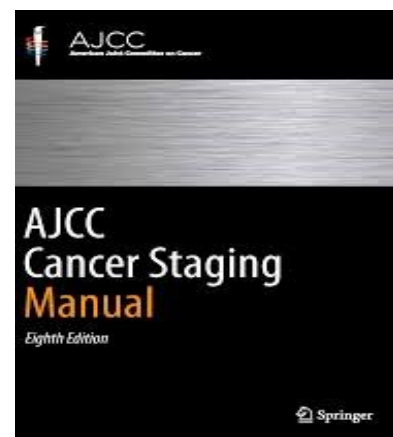
<http://datadictionary.naacr.org/?c=17>

Cancer Staging Manual

Cases with a diagnosis date of 01/01/2018 and forward should be staged using AJCC 8th Edition Cancer Staging Manual.

Please visit <https://cancerstaging.org/references-tools/deskreferences/Pages/8EUpdates.aspx#> for all 8th Edition updates and corrections.

For all other information, visit <https://cancerstaging.org/Pages/default.aspx>



2018 CTR EXAM

March 12– March 31; application deadline = February 16

June 25 – July 14; application deadline = June 1

October 15 – November 3; application deadline = September 25

For more information, visit <http://www.ctrexam.org/>



We wish you and your family, Season's Greetings . May the peace and joy of Christmas be with you today and throughout the New Year.

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