

Michigan Cancer Surveillance Program

January 2011 Update

Class of Case ~

In 2010, the Commission on Cancer (CoC) updated the FORDS Manual, which included revision of the Class of Case. The Class of Case divides cases into two groups. Analytic cases (codes 00–22) are those required by CoC and are grouped according to the location of diagnosis and first course of treatment. Nonanalytic cases (codes 30–49 and 99) may be abstracted by the facility to meet central registry requirements or in response to a request by the facility's cancer program.

The MCSP has reviewed each Class of Case and determined the appropriate reporting requirements.

Class of Case 00-22 **MUST** be abstracted using the reporting requirements based upon your facility type (hospital with a registry, hospital without a registry or an independent laboratory.)

Class of Case 30-38 **MUST** be abstracted using the reporting requirements based upon a **Hospital without a Registry**.

EXCEPTION: Class of Case 34, 35, 36 or 37 **MUST** be used for CIN III and reported using the requirements for a **Hospital with a Registry**.

Class of Case 40-49 and 99 **MUST** be abstracted using the reporting requirements of an **Independent Laboratory**.

Abstract Plus ~

The CDC has recently completed development of the generic version of Abstract Plus 3.1. This is the version of Abstract Plus needed to process the NAACCR Version 12 records (required for records with a diagnosis date of January 1, 2010 or later). The Michigan Cancer Surveillance Program is now working with the CDC to make a Michigan-customized version of Abstract Plus 3.1 that we can distribute to Michigan reporting facilities. We plan to have this update available by February 15, 2011. When it is available, we will contact all facilities currently using Abstract Plus to begin preparing for the upgrade. If you have any questions, please contact Terry McTaggart at 517.335.9624 or mctaggart@michigan.gov.

Submission of Data ~

The MCSP began accepting submission of data for 2010 cases in NAACCR Version 12 format in October 2010. However, if you have not upgraded your software system, please submit any 2009 cases (or any outstanding cases diagnosed prior to 2010) **BEFORE** upgrading your software to CSv2 or NAACCR v12. Please keep in mind, although we can accept your 2010

data, we are still unable to process it and load it into our database. Therefore, you will not receive a confirmation or count of your submission until February 2011. Due to the delay of our in-house software conversion and loading of the data, you will NOT be penalized for timeliness.

In-house Edits ~

When we the MCSP was preparing for the Call for Data required by NAACCR, we came across some consistent errors within the data.

Occupation/Industry

1. Retired is not an industry or occupation. If the patient is retired and there is no mention of his/her occupation, record "unknown."
2. Do not include "current" or "past" or "longest" or "previous" along with the description of occupation or industry.
3. Unemployed is not an occupation or industry. If the patient is unemployed and there is no mention of his/her occupation, record "unknown."

Laterality

1. Watch miscoding of laterality as text information contradicts the laterality code selected.
2. Review the list of paired sites to ensure that the laterality is recorded correctly.

Text

1. Include month/date/year for treatment type.
2. Include complete description of primary site: Example: breast, UIQ or colon, ascending.
3. Include complete description of surgical procedure along with complete date versus just "resection" or "excision."
4. Remember to record text in text fields that transmit to the central cancer registry.
5. For histology, be sure to include exact description, along with cell type, as the code does not always match text description. It is unclear if the code is correct or if the text is incorrect. Do not just use description of code given by software; record the histology from the final diagnosis on the pathology report.
6. Use only standard abbreviations in the text fields.

Updated Manuals ~

FORDS Revised for 2011 (12/21/10) <http://www.facs.org/cancer/coc/fordsmanual.html>

MP/H Manual - Replacement pages for the MPH Manual were placed on the SEER website on 10/14/2010. The "Revision History" is available using the same link. Look on the left side of the screen under the header MP/H Rules. <http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/mphrules/download.html>

Revision hx website link is <http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/mphrules/revisions.html>

The Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Case Reportability and Coding Manual
The Version 1.6.1 Hematopoietic Database <http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/heme/>

CTR Exam ~

NAACCR, Inc. is offering a CTR Exam Preparation and Review Webinar Series to assist you with preparing for the exam. The webinar Series (March 2011 exam) offers online interactive instruction with live instructors. The Webinar Series includes eight 2-hour sessions carefully prepared to reflect the changes to the 2011 CTR exam as well as a short follow-up post exam session. It includes "live" lectures presented by experienced instructors, Q&A sessions, study materials, take home tests and a timed practice test. For more information and online registration go to:

https://netforum.avectra.com/eWeb/DynamicPage.aspx?Site=NAACCR&WebCode=EventDetail&&evt_key=853e8df6-f2a6-4201-b4f8-f858766415a6.

MCSP Workshops ~

We will be conducting workshops beginning in the Spring of 2011. Once we have determined the dates, we will notify those that have expressed an interest in attending in addition to a formal announcement. The workshops will be in Lansing at the Capital View Building and are free of charge. ***If you are a new registrar or abstracter, you MUST attend the workshops.*** In addition, the workshops must be attended in sequence as each workshop builds a foundation and prepares you for the next. However, if you are interested in a refresher, please contact your field representative.

Workshop #1: Basic Cancer Reporting

Workshop #2: Multiple Primary/Histology Rules

Workshop #3: Collaborative Staging (CSv2) and Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasms

Workshop #4: Abstracting Cases 101

If you are interested in attending a workshop and would like to be notified of the dates, please contact your field representative: Jetty Alverson at alversonj@michigan.gov or Michelle Hulbert at hulbertmr@michigan.gov.

MCSP Staff ~

If you have any questions regarding cancer reporting, or would like more information about workshops, please feel free to give one of us a call.

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