

NHSCR REGISTRY REPORT

Summer/Fall 2020



NHSCR UPDATES

We've Moved!

The NH State Cancer Registry was recently relocated to new office space. Please note our updated courier address for deliveries to our new location and new office phone numbers provided on the last page of this newsletter. Note that all staff continue working remotely from home, but will regularly check mail, deliveries, and voicemail. The best way to contact us is by email.

NPCR Data Quality Evaluation

The CDC National Program of Cancer Registries requires every state cancer registry to undergo a data quality evaluation (DQE) every five years. NHSCR has been selected for this year's DQE. The DQE has two components: validation and completeness on year 2017 cases. The validation component evaluates for consistency of staging, biomarker, treatment, and treatment-related information for five primary sites – female breast, colorectal, lung and bronchus, prostate, and corpus uteri. A total of 365 cases were randomly selected for the review. All facility abstracts associated with each of the cases have been reviewed for accuracy of coding based on the text provided, and reconciliation files were sent during June 2020. If you received follow-back requests, please be sure to let us know if you agree or disagree with the findings.

We are currently working on the completeness component. This evaluation randomly selects breast and colorectal cancers where key data items are coded to unknown. NHSCR staff are reviewing the text to determine if the unknown value is applicable. Follow-back requests will be sent next week for you to check if updated information is available since cases were originally transmitted and to determine if the unknown value(s) could be changed to a known value. **We appreciate your attention to these requests.**

Quality Control

As we process data each month and clear edits, we come across data quality issues that are common among reporting facilities:

- Make sure laterality is the correct side of the site.
- Please remember to fill in Height and Weight and Smoking Hx.
- SEER Summary Stage is required on all cases effective with year 2015. For cases diagnosed 2015-2017 code SEER Summary Stage 2000; cases diagnosed 2018 forward, code SEER Summary Stage 2018.
- For colorectal cancers, when a malignancy arises in a polyp, code the histology and ignore the polyp. This is a change from the 2007 MPH rules. (See Solid Tumor Rule H2.)

Completeness Reports

Due to the delays in the implementation of NAACCR v18, NHSCR has not issued completeness reports on years 2018-2019 data. Internally, NHSCR produced completeness reports for cases received through August 31, 2020. We are 92.5% complete with diagnosis year 2018 reporting from NH hospitals. (*More below regarding v18 due dates.*) To ensure full capture of 2018 cases, **please make sure you have addressed our follow-back requests:**

- 2018 Path Reviews – All path reviews are done; follow-back lists were sent in Aug 2020.
- 2018 MDI – Reviews done; follow-back lists sent in Aug 2020.
- 2018 Death Clearance – Follow-back lists to be sent Sept 30, 2020.
- 2018 Rapid/Definitive Matching – The list of unmatched rapids to be sent in Oct 2020.
- 2018 Accession Numbers – The list of missing accession numbers to be sent in Oct 2020.

NAACCR v18: Reporting Due Dates

Due to the burdened imposed on all of us by the complexity of NAACCR v18 implementation last year, the due date for reporting year 2018 cases was extended to March 31, 2020. The focus is now on year 2019 cases. **Cases diagnosed in year 2019 are to be completed and transmitted no later than September 30, 2020.** This includes both analytic and non-analytic cases. Thank you for your patience and for the hard work as we continue working our way through these tough times!

Web Plus

With the recent upgrade of Web Plus to version 3.8, our system has become even more secure and is also up-to-date with the current NAACCR v18.0 standards. At the same time as the upgrade, we implemented the email notifications that will automatically notify users after a file or abstract has been successfully uploaded. If anyone experiences unexpected system behavior, please contact us and we will address your questions as quickly as possible.

Non-registry Hospital Corner

NHSCR is in the process of closing out year 2018 and will begin reviewing 2019 in November and December. We are hoping to send the 2019 Medical Disease Index request out by the end of October - **please keep an eye out for an email with this request.**

Please continue to regularly report cancer cases as rapid abstracts via Web Plus. When coding the primary site of a cancer, please remember to use the ICD-O-3 topography/site code rather than the ICD-10 code.

Thank you to all facilities for being flexible with data collection and remote access while NHSCR staff work out-of-office.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

NHSCR Annual Meeting

Unfortunately, we had to cancel our annual meeting scheduled for Sept 18th. We are aiming to hold an informational webinar some time in December. Let us know if you have ideas on topics to be presented or speaker recommendations.

NAACCR Webinar Schedule

We are happy to announce that NHSCR will continue to provide the NAACCR Webinars to our NH registrars for the 2020-2021 series.

10/01/20	Prostate	04/01/21	Larynx
11/05/20	Lung	05/06/21	Pancreas
12/03/20	Thyroid	06/17/21	Kidney
01/07/21	Treatment	07/08/21	Quality in CoC Accreditation
02/04/21	Lymphoma	08/05/21	Breast
03/04/21	Boot Camp	09/02/21	Coding Pitfalls

If you would like access to either the live viewing or the recordings, email maria.o.celaya@dartmouth.edu for access information.

NAACCR Annual Meeting

Recordings of the NAACCR 2020 Virtual Conference plenary sessions are available here: <https://education.naacr.org/products/naacpr-2020-virtual-conference-june-23-june-25>
Registration is free and CEs are available for the sessions.

NCRA's Cancer Registry Education

NCRA offers a variety of training resources where you can earn CEs. Visit NCRA's Center for Cancer Registry Education for available learning modules (archived webinars), Journal of Registry Management and Informational Abstract (IA) quizzes: <http://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/>

STANDARD SETTERS

COVID-19 Data

All cancer registries under contract with NCI SEER Program are required to collect information on cancer patients' SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) laboratory tests, infection status, and delays or modifications of the treatment plan for cases diagnosed January 1, 2020 or later and completed on or after June 1, 2020. More information can be found here: <https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/covid-19/index.html>

NHSCR is currently an NPCR-funded central registry and following NPCR guidance: NPCR is not requiring the collection of COVID-19 data items manually. As this information may be important for future analyses, NPCR is exploring opportunities to capture the data through electronic record linkage or other methods. Additional information will be provided as this project moves forward.

AJCC and SEER

Because the histology lists provided in the AJCC Cancer Staging Manual, 8th Ed and SEER Solid Tumor Rules are not in agreement, AJCC and SEER have come to an agreement on coding histology. The core histology coding issues include NSCLC of the lung, adenocarcinoma in liver, adenocarcinoma in intrahepatic bile duct, Ewing's Sarcoma, and SCC keratinizing and non-keratinizing SCC of certain head and neck cancers.

<https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/clarifications.html>

Take a moment to review the instructions on histology coding when the lists and instructions differ: [AJCC and NCI-SEER Case Review Instructions](#)

Data Use

Your data help the NH DHHS Cancer Program to educate and inform about cancer in our state. We're excited to announce the upcoming release of the NH Cancer Burden Report, which will include chapters on incidence and mortality, with data through 2017, on the [DHHS Cancer Data Publications](#) website. Stay tuned for the release.

Cancer data from the registry were also used to write an article about breast cancer in NH for the [NH Public Health Association Newsletter](#), which will be released soon.

NHSCR will notify you when these publications are released to the public.

NHSCR Calendar

11/01	Daylight saving time ends
11/26-27	Thanksgiving Holiday; NHSCR office closed
12/01	NPCR and NAACCR Call-for-Data due!
12/24-25	Christmas Holiday; NHSCR office closed
12/28-31	Winter Break; NHSCR office closed
01/01/21	New Year's Day Holiday; NHSCR office closed

WE NEED RAPIDS AND DEFINITIVES EACH AND EVERY MONTH!

Data transmissions should be made at least once a month. The simplest way to transmit is via the Web Plus website. There's no zipping and it's secure. If you need help, please contact Cathy Geiger at cathleen.geiger@dartmouth.edu. She is always happy to help with sending your cases in!

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