

# OCISS Newsletter



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## National Cancer Registrars Week

April 6-10 is National Cancer Registrars Week (NCRW). This year's theme is **"Cancer Registrars: The Lighthouse in a Storm of Change."**

Cancer registrars traditionally have used this week of recognition to inform others about the important work they do and the useful data they produce.

This is a great opportunity to show physicians, administrators, and other hospital employees how data in your registry, such as demographics and stage at

diagnosis, can assist in the planning of medical services or point to the need for prevention and screening programs.

Consider planning an open house or setting up displays in the lobby or cafeteria at your hospital to inform others of the information you collect and the value of timely, accurate and complete cancer data.

The National Cancer Registrars Association helps promote NCRW with a poster, informational flyers and a press release that can

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be accessed at <http://www.ncra-usa.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3876>

and which you might want to use to promote NCRW at your facility.

OCISS recognizes the knowledge, hard work, and dedication of registrars throughout Ohio. We celebrate your achievements and thank you for your role in capturing the data that informs cancer research, prevention and treatment programs.

## TNM Training with April Fritz

Last year OCISS planned to host a one day TNM training with April Fritz. As many of you know, April had some serious health issues and we had to cancel.

We are now looking to offer this training again. April will provide four trainings throughout the state in April and May. Dates and locations are listed on Page 4 of this newsletter. Please email us at

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to let us know if you plan to attend and at which location. The trainings will be free of charge and continuing education credits (CEs) will be offered for cancer registrars.

OCISS will also be taping the trainings and making them available after logging onto Web Plus, similar to how the NAACCR monthly webinars can be accessed. CEs will be offered for Cancer Tumor Registrars who view the

taped trainings.

OCISS is aware that similar training, sponsored by the Central Ohio Cancer Registrars Association (CRACO) will also be occurring in April. Our goal, as well as CRACO's, is to assure that as many hospital cancer reporters as possible can attend TNM Training with April Fritz. We anticipate reaching different audiences by sponsoring these trainings in multiple locations.

## Coding Tips: FORDS Revisions for 2015

The new *FORDS: Revised for 2015* has been posted online at <https://www.facs.org/~media/files/quality%20programs/cancer/coc/fords/fords%202015.ashx>. It is available as a downloadable PDF file. Sticky notes and highlighting are enabled. Note that it is necessary to save the file to your computer to use the commenting features, which are not functional when you open the manual through your browser. *FORDS* (Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards) is the coding manual used by Commission on Cancer-accredited programs. Although there are no new data items introduced for 2015, there are some important changes in instructions and code options. OCISS will be reviewing and incorporating needed changes into Web Plus.

Please read the Preface for an overview of the changes, and review Appendix C for a complete summary of modifications made since the previous edition of *FORDS*. The following highlights the major changes:

**Required Staging.** Both clinical and pathologic AJCC TNM and Stage Group as well as Collaborative Staging are required for Class of Case 10-22.

**Rules for Coding Grade/Differentiation.** New rules for coding *Grade/Differentiation* were implemented by all U.S. cancer registry standard setters beginning with cases diagnosed in 2014, and were widely published at that time. However, no *FORDS* update was produced for 2014. The new rules are included in *FORDS: Revised for 2015*.

**Clarification for Coding Biopsies Followed by Surgery.** If a needle biopsy preceded an excisional biopsy or more extensive surgery, even if no tumor remained at the time of surgery, both the needle biopsy (*Surgical Diagnostic and Staging Procedure*) and the *Surgical Procedure of the Primary Site* are to be reported. That is because surgical margins must be examined to determine whether a biopsy intended as incisional is excisional instead, and margins cannot be evaluated for a needle biopsy.

**Clarification for Reporting Dose for Photon Treatment.** For photon treatment, dosage is reported in cGe units (Cobalt Gray Equivalent) rather than cGy. Record 100x cGe for *Regional Dose: cGy* (note that it is necessary to multiply cGe by 100 to code this).

**New Sex Codes.** New codes 5 (Transsexual, natal male) and 6 (Transsexual, natal female) are introduced for use in 2015, and may be used for historic cases if desired. Code 4 (formerly "Transsexual") is now "Transsexual, NOS". The new codes will be accepted by registry software using NAACCR layout version 15.0, which should be implemented in hospital registries early in 2015.

**New Code for RX Date-Other Flag.** Code 15 was added to be used when treatment coded as *Other Therapy* was planned, but had not been administered yet at the time of last follow-up. Code 15 may be assigned for cases diagnosed prior to 2015, if applicable. The new code will be accepted by registry software using NAACCR layout 15.0, which should be implemented in hospital registries early in 2015.

**Discontinued Items.** *Grade Path System* and *Grade Path Value* are required for cases diagnosed from 2010 through 2013, but are discontinued beginning in 2014 under the *Grade/Differentiation* coding rules. The *ICD Revision Secondary Diagnosis* is no longer required for any diagnosis year because the separate fields for ICD-9-CM and ICD-10-CM eliminate the need for the item.

## CRS Plus Edits:

The following two edits can be confusing. Please pay close attention to the edit error report to resolve properly.

**Surgery, Rad, Surg/Rad Seq (COC):** This edit is skipped if any of the Surgery, Rad, Surg/Rad Seq fields are blank. Make sure to complete these fields if Surgery and/or Radiation is part of the first course of treatment.

1. **If surgery was performed and if radiation was given (Rad--Regional RX Modality = 20-98), then RX Summ--Surg/Rad Seq must specify sequence (codes 2-7, 9). Surgery is considered "performed" if ANY of the following three conditions are true:**
  - A. RX Summ--Surg Prim Site = 10-90
  - B. RX Summ--Scope Reg LN Sur:
    - For cases diagnosed prior to 2012: 1-7
    - For cases diagnosed 2012 or later: 1, 2 (only if Regional Nodes Examined = 01-98), 3-7
  - C. RX Summ--Surg Oth Reg/Dis = 1-5
2. **If surgery was not performed or no radiation was given (Rad--Regional RX Modality = 00), then RX Summ--Surg/Rad Seq must specify no (0). Surgery is considered "not performed" if ALL of the following three conditions are true:**
  - A. RX Summ--Surg Prim Site = 00
  - B. RX Summ--Scope Reg LN Sur:
    - For cases diagnosed prior to 2012: 0
    - For cases diagnosed 2012 or later: 0 (for all cases), 2 (only if Reg Nodes Exam = 00 or 99)
  - C. RX Summ--Surg Oth Reg = 0
3. **Surgery is also considered not performed if ANY of the following three conditions are true:**
  - A. RX Summ--Surg Prim Site = 98 (coded for hematopoietic, ill-defined and unknown sites)
  - B. RX Summ--Scope Reg LN Sur: 9
  - C. RX Summ--Surg Oth Reg = 0

**Autopsy Only, RX (NPCR):** This edit applies only to cases with a Date of Diagnosis of 2006 or later and when Type of Reporting Source is 6 (autopsy only).

1. **RX Summ--Surg Prim Site must = 00 or 98**
2. **RX Summ--Scope Reg LN Sur**
  - A. For primaries of the meninges, brain, spinal cord, cranial nerves, and other parts of the central nervous system (C700-C729), intracranial other endocrine (C751, C752, C753), unknown or ill-defined sites (C760-C768, C809), lymphoma and hematopoietic [C420, C421, C423, C424 (all histologies) and 9590-9992]
    - RX Summ--Scope Reg LN Sur must = 0 or 9
  - B. For all other sites/histologies - RX Summ--Scope Reg LN Sur must = 0
3. **RX Summ--Surg Oth Reg/Dis**
  - A. For primaries of the meninges, brain, spinal cord, cranial nerves, and other parts of the central nervous system (C700-C729), unknown site (C809), lymphoma and hematopoietic (9590-9992)
    - RX Summ--Surg Oth Reg/Dis must = 0 or 9
  - B. For all other sites/histologies - RX Summ--Surg Oth Reg/Dis must = 0
4. **Reason for No Surgery must = 1 or 9**
5. **RX Summ--BRM must = 00**
6. **RX Summ--Chemo must = 00**
7. **RX Summ--Hormone must = 00**
8. **RX Summ--Other must = 0**
9. **RX Summ--Transplnt/Endocr = 00**
10. **Rad--Regional RX Modality must = 00**
11. **RX Summ--Surg/Rad Seq must = 0**
12. **RX Summ--Systemic/Sur Seq must = 0**



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## Save the Date - TNM Training with April Fritz Sponsored by OCISS

### April 20, 2015

Atrium Medical Center  
One Medical Center Drive  
Professional Office Bldg.  
Auditorium, 5th Floor  
Middletown, Ohio 45005

### April 21, 2015

Hocking Valley Community Hospital  
CIC Building  
541 State Route 664 N  
Logan, Ohio 43131

### May 4, 2015

Aultman Hospital  
2600 6th Street SW  
Canton, Ohio 44710

### May 6, 2015

Wood County Hospital  
Keil-Uhlman Meeting Room  
950 W. Wooster Street  
Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Please email OCISS at [OCISS@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:OCISS@odh.ohio.gov) to register.

## Ask OCISS

1. Is Kaposi sarcoma (9140) considered a multiple primary for different sites?  
**No. Kaposi sarcoma (any site or sites) is always a single primary.**  
(Rule M5—Other sites multiple primary rules)
2. When do I report a Class of Case 32 to OCISS?  
**Only report a Class of Case = 32 to OCISS if the patient was diagnosed within the last 24 months and the patient comes to your facility with disease recurrence or persistent disease. All other Class of Case = 32 do not need to be reported to OCISS.**

Send your questions to [OCISS@odh.ohio.gov](mailto:OCISS@odh.ohio.gov) with **Ask OCISS** in the subject field .

## Calendar of Events

### May 20-23, 2015

2015 National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) Annual Educational Conference, San Antonio, Texas.  
See website for details: [www.ncra-usa.org](http://www.ncra-usa.org)

### June 13-19, 2015

2015 NAACCR Annual Conference  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
See website for details: [www.naaccr.org](http://www.naaccr.org)