

OCISS Newsletter



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Stage Transition

As you are probably already aware, all cancer cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2016 must be staged using AJCC staging as well as directly-coded SEER Summary Stage 2000.

These requirements apply to all facilities and providers.

Hospitals accredited by the American College of Surgeons need to follow this requirement for cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2015.

OCISS modified Web Plus to collect this information from hospital reporters when we upgraded the system to

NAACCR v 15 in August 2015. We will be working to add these new requirements for physician and ambulatory care reporters.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is in the process of updating Web Plus to support collection of AJCC stage as part of their upgrade to NAACCR v 16. CDC is working to incorporate logic into Web Plus that will coordinate choices for TNM data based upon the primary site. Site-specific pick lists will be displayed for direct coding of the clinical and pathologic T, N, M and any

other necessary components, plus the stage groups. CDC will be releasing their NAACCR v 16 compliant software in late spring/early summer 2016. OCISS plans to upgrade to this newer version by June 2016.

Please remember that each piece of the AJCC stage is important. Even if complete AJCC staging information is not available, please report the information that is available.

Training Opportunities

Please remember that there are links on the OCISS website to Training and Education Resources, including materials on AJCC stage, from CDC, NCRA, and SEER. They can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/cancer/ocisshs/reporting1.aspx>.

CDC developed site-specific training presentations with speakers' notes for both AJCC Staging 7th Edition and SEER Summary Stage 2000 that are available at the following link: <https://cancerstaging.org/Pages/default.aspx>. Click on *Cancer Staging Education* in the top menu bar and then choose *Registrar*. You will then have the choice of *Presentations* or *AJCC Curriculum for Registrars* -- choose *AJCC Curriculum for*

Registrars. At the top of the next page you will see the *Module Content*. The *Curriculum Schedule* is at the bottom of the screen. Click on any of the four modules to go to the pages with the registration & quiz, self-study lessons, handouts and the webinar recording.

SEER offers 14 free training modules through the SEER Educate TNM Training Series. You can sign up at SEER Educate at <https://educate.fhcrc.org>.

CDC has shared that they will be working to produce site-specific 'cheat sheets' to help simplify and highlight the most important AJCC staging instructions. OCISS will share these materials as they become available.

The Florida Cancer Data System (FCDS) has an excellent Education and Training program. All of their webcasts are recorded and made freely available for download on their web site at: <http://fcds.med.miami.edu/inc/educationtraining.shtml>. Each webcast also has CEU credits. Please note that the FCDS does not offer support should viewers have questions.

Death Clearance

Thank you so very much for all your work on death clearance for 2013. We have put together a short survey to get your feedback on using Web Plus for Death Certificate Follow-back. The survey was sent only to hospitals that had death certificates in need of review. If you have not done so already, please take the time to complete the survey so that we can see how we can make this a better process when we do death clearance for 2014. Survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DYR3RBY>.

ICD-10 Conversion

OCISS has received quite a few questions since the conversion to ICD-10. Primary site continues to be coded according to the International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, Third Edition (ICD-O-3). As a result of the conversion to ICD-10, SEER has issued new case-finding lists for cancer, which can be found at the following link: <http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/casefinding/>. The link provides information on both ICD-9 and ICD-10 case-finding lists.

Death Data Now Available in Web Plus

OCISS recently made death data available in Web Plus. OCISS worked with the Ohio Department of Health's (ODH) Bureau of Vital Statistics (VS) to generate Excel files of all Ohio deaths for 2011-2015. Files are organized by year of death and contain the following data fields: date of death (3 separate fields – day, month, year), state where death occurred, death certificate number, name (3 separate fields – given, middle, last), underlying cause of death, SSN (last 4 digits only), place of death, address at death (street address, city, state, zip code), and race. We hope this information is useful for cancer reporters that conduct follow-up.

Close out

By now, most hospitals have submitted their Close Out information for diagnosis year 2014. OCISS will be following up by phone on those not yet received. This information is important to OCISS as it allows us to schedule other central cancer registry functions that cannot begin until we know that all 2014 data have been submitted. Thank you to those of you that provided this information in a timely manner.

Unknown Primary Site

Many thanks for all your efforts to review cases initially reported with an unknown primary site. As a result of your review, more than 300 cases with a diagnosis date in 2013 or 2014 were changed to a known site. We will continue to follow-up with hospitals that report cases with an unknown primary site.

OCISS Hospital Group

OCISS is re-invigorating its quarterly conference calls with hospital cancer registrars. The original purpose of the group, which started meeting in 2011, was to improve the quality of OCISS data. As the group continued, the forum provided an opportunity for OCISS to share updates and plans in order to get feedback and input as well as for hospitals to share issues in cancer reporting for OCISS to address. The group held its first conference call of the new year on January 13, 2016. Please email Lynn Giljahn at lynn.giljahn@odh.ohio.gov if you would like to join this group.

Internet Explorer Version 11

There are several known incompatibility issues when using Web Plus with Internet Explorer Version 11. CDC is aware and is working to correct in their NAACCR v 16 release. In the meantime, if you have updated to Internet Explorer Version 11 and directly enter cases into Web Plus and find that text fields are not automatically converting to upper case or data fields are not auto-populating, please follow the following steps:

1. Open Web Plus.
2. Click on **Tools**.
3. Select **Compatibility View Settings**.
4. In the **Add this website** box enter: **ohio.gov**
5. Click the **Add** button.
6. Click the **Close** button.

If you find you have to do this every time you use Web Plus, your settings are getting deleted when you close your browser. Follow the following steps:

1. Open Internet Explorer
2. Click on **Tools**.
3. Select **Internet Options**.
4. On the **General** tab, go to **Browsing History**.
5. **Uncheck** the **Delete browsing history on exit** check box.
6. Click **OK**.

If you continue to experience problems, please contact OCISS.

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New Report on Cancers Associated with HPV in Ohio

In October 2015, ODH, in collaboration with The Ohio State University, released "Cancers Associated with Human Papillomavirus in Ohio", which provides data and information on HPV-associated cancers in Ohio. The report examines cancer incidence and mortality rates, differences by demographic characteristics, region (Ohio and Appalachia Ohio) and county, along with trends in incidence rates of HPV-associated cancers in Ohio.

Also included is information on stage at diagnosis, cancer protective factors and HPV immunization rates. In 2008-2012, approximately 1,157 cases of cancer were attributed to HPV each year in Ohio. Cancer incidence and mortality data were obtained from OCISS and the Bureau of Vital Statistics at the Ohio Department of Health, respectively. This new cancer profile can be found on the ODH Cancer Data and Statistics web page: <http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/cancer/ocisshs/newrpts1.aspx>.

County Profiles

In November 2015, ODH released a new set of County Cancer Profiles that provide a summary of each county's cancer burden and associated risk factors. These reports provide a user-friendly overview of cancer statistics, including graphical and tabular displays of data on cancer incidence and mortality, Ohio and U.S. comparisons, trends, stage at diagnosis, cancer screening and risk factors. This information can be used to increase awareness about the impact of cancer on Ohio residents and to develop targeted programs for cancer prevention, early detection and control. The County Cancer Profiles can be found on the ODH Cancer Data and Statistics web page: <http://www.healthy.ohio.gov/cancer/ocisshs/newrpts1.aspx>.

Calendar of Events

April 10-13, 2016

2016 National Cancer Registrars Association Annual Educational Conference;
Las Vegas, Nevada.

For more information, visit: <http://www.ncra-usa.org>.

June 11-17, 2016

North American Association of Central Cancer Registries Annual Conference;
St. Louis, Missouri.

For more information, visit: <http://naaccr.org/EducationandTraining/AnnualConference.aspx>.

September 29-30, 2016

Ohio Cancer Registrars Association Annual Meeting; Holiday Inn, Canton, Ohio.

For more information, visit: <http://www.ohio-ocra.org>