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Updates to coding Race

SINQ 20240039

Update to Current Manual/Race: For the Example #15 under Race Coding Examples in the 2024 SEER manual, could coding these as 97 result in an underreporting of Native Hawaiians?

The race category in some hospital electronic medical record systems includes a combined category of "Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander." What race code should be used in a situation where the only available information is "Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander?"

Change to current instructions. We will update this example in the next edition of the manual. The new example will instruct registrars to look for other descriptions of the patient's race. When no other information is available, assign 07, Native Hawaiian, in Race 1 and assign 97, Pacific Islander, NOS in Race 2. Begin following this new instruction now.

Be on the lookout! Soon facilities will receive results from a neoadjuvant breast audit performed for diagnosis year 2023. This audit reviewed neoadjuvant data items. Results will be discussed at the SEER Workshop and KCR Fall Conference.

SINQ 20240036

Update to Current Manual/Race: How is Race coded when stated as Hispanic and there is no other information?

There appears to be discrepant information in the 2024 (and prior) SEER manual regarding race coding when the patient is described only as Hispanic/Latina. Page 78 tells us to Code as 01 (White) when: b. There is a statement that the patient is Hispanic or Latino(a) and no further information is available

i. A person of Spanish origin may be any race; however, for coding race when there is no further information other than "Hispanic" or "Latino(a)," assign race as White as a last resort instead of coding unknown.

However, in Appendix D, under "Other Race descriptions", there is a statement that "If no further information is available, code as 99 Unknown." The list includes "Hispanic".

Assign code 01 (White) for Hispanic when there is no additional information. It is listed in the 2024 SEER Manual, Race Coding Instruction 6.b.i.and in Appendix D for code 01. We will remove Hispanic from the list in Appendix D under code 99 in the next version of the manual.

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IS THE PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR NORTH AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL CANCER REGISTRIES (NAACCR) FOR 2024-2025!





Need outside records but don't know who to call?

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confluence.atlassian.net/wiki/space s/kentuckyregistrarswiki/pages/7212 94/Hospital+Contact+List

Use the link for the 'Registrar's Wiki' and select 'Hospital Contact List'. Once you select the hyperlink, a pop-up box will require a password which is 'kcrwiki' (all one word and lower case).

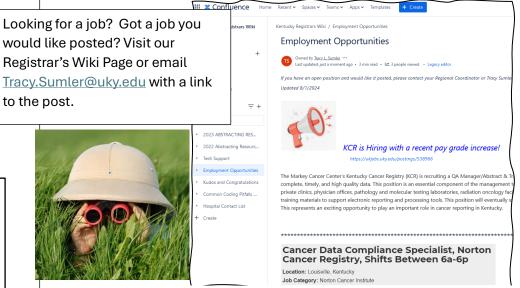


Reminder: Code all first course treatment even if it was performed at an outside facility. The expectation is to provide complete treatment for all cases and may require contacting other facilities if treatment is performed elsewhere.

ODS Exam Testing Dates and Deadlines

October 18-November 9, 2024; application deadline: October 11

https://www.ncra-usa.org/ODS-Credential/Certification-Exam



Frances E. Ross Memorial Abstracting Award

Frances had a deep understanding of our coding rules and consistently advocated for the thorough collection of high-quality data. It is in her memory that we celebrate excellent abstractors with this award.

Quarter 4, 2023: Dianna Wiles (Jennie Stuart)

Quarter 1, 2024: Christine Lapina (St. Elizabeth)

Quarter 2, 2024: Karrie Ihrie (Baptist Health Louisville)

Follow up tips ~ Obituaries

Be extra cautious when using obituaries for follow up purposes. Be sure to confirm the patient's demographic information (DOB, sex, etc.,) matches the decedent. If you have a contact/informant listed for the patient, check to see if they are mentioned in the obituary. If you don't have the patient's DOB, but can calculate their age, make sure it matches the age of the decedent. <u>Do not use</u> unreliable internet sources and websites. If you are unsure if the obituary is the correct patient, do not use it.

Tech Corner

CPDMS Notification Service - Update Complete 8/6/2024

The update to CPDMS is complete. CPDMS.NET, CPDMS.ORG and PORTAL.KCR.UKY.EDU are again available for use.

For a list of recent changes to CPDMS, please check http://www.kcr.uky.edu/software/versions.php

Release notes for CPDMS.NET Version 12.8

Component Summary

Data Exchange Fixed a bug in NAACCR XML output where only the 1st tumor record is output if a patient record contains multiple records. Any submission files generated between 6/24 and 7/19 may need to be

resubmitted to the requesting agency.

Data Exchange Fixed a bug where SEER SSF1 output was truncated to the old 1-digit code during edits and

submission output

Data Entry

Fixed logic for edits for SSDI fields shared between EOD and Pediatric staging to prevent edits from

failing when cases are ineligible for Pediatric staging due to diagnosis year restrictions.

Data **Analysis** Fixed a bug where an A surgery code prefix was being placed on 2024 surgery sites requiring a B surgery code prefix. The bug only affects surgery code queries and data lists in Data Analysis.

Submission output is not affected.

Data Exchange Updated NCDB/RCRS v24a edits to version released 7/4/2024. Contains updates to allowed surgery codes for N6800 and N6774; Removes Edit N2836; Adds Edit N6892 Ph I, II, III Total Dose, Radiation

Volume/Modality (COC)



November 14 - 15, 2024 Embassy Suites Lexington / Coldstream 1801 Newtown Pike Lexington, KY 40511

Save the Date!

Workshop

2024 SEER Workshop: Advanced Topics for Registry Professionals September 24-26, 2024

Registration is now open!

Link: https://www.ncra-usa.org/Education/2024-SEER-Workshop

The 2024 SEER Advanced Topics for Registry Professionals Workshop is open to ALL cancer registrars and will be held virtually on Tuesday – Thursday, September 24-26, 2024, 12:00 PM-5:00 PM EDT. The workshop will expand registrars' knowledge of several important topics: indepth coding for mixed histologies, neoadjuvant treatment for breast, esophageal, and rectal cases, and more. There will be presentations from subject matter experts including surgeons, pathologists, and oncologists.

Participants will complete assigned cases in SEER*Educate before the workshop. For more information about the SEER*Educate cases, go to https://educate.fredhutch.org, sign in or sign up (its free), select the Training tab, and click on SEER Educational Workshop. In-depth coding and abstracting training during the SEER Workshop will be based on coding of the assigned cases. You are welcome to complete the SEER*Educate cases even if you cannot attend the workshop. CE's are pending.

Note: The workshop is complimentary, but registration is required. Registration for the workshop will begin on August 1st and close on September 9th. The live registration link will be available through NCRA's website starting on August 1, 2024.

2024 SEER Workshop Coding Exercises

CE Awards for the Coding Exercises:

https://educate.fredhutch.org/Assessments/Training/29

These exercises qualify for Category A CEs. You must complete all exercises within a group, scoring a minimum of 70% on each case. You may retake cases as necessary. There will be separate CEs for the actual workshop meeting sessions.

- 2024-118, SEER*Educate 2024 SEER Workshop Neoadjuvant Breast Cases, 1.5 CEs, 10 cases
- 2024-119, SEER*Educate 2024 SEER Workshop Neoadjuvant Esophagus Cases, 1.5 CEs, 10 cases
- 2024-120, SEER*Educate 2024 SEER Workshop Neoadjuvant Rectum Cases, 1.5 CEs, 10 cases
- 2024-121, SEER*Educate 2024 SEER Workshop Site and Histology Cases, 3.0 CEs, 20 cases

Please complete as many of the exercises as possible by **August 15th** to help inform the development of the presentations, which will cover the coding trends of the meeting participants. The training results will also be used to inform standard setters how current documentation in manuals can be clarified to improve our coding accuracy and consistency. It would be better to go through all the exercises once by August 15th (or by the actual presentation) and wait to retake any cases after the meeting to improve your score for the CE award. We appreciate the time people put into completing these exercises.



2024 SEER Workshop: Advanced Topics for Registry Professionals

Tuesday-Thursday, September 24-26, 12:00-5:00 PM ET

	Day 1	Tuesday, September 24, 12:00 – 5:00 PM ET	
10 min	12:00-12:10	Welcome	Peggy Adamo
45min	12:10-12:55	Sarcomas Across the Age Spectrum	Lara Davis
45min	12:55-1:40	Putting Pediatric Cancer Data into Perspective: The Why and How of the PDCS	Angela Costantini
20min	1:40-2:00	Break	
60min	2:00-3:00	(SEER*Educate) Mixed and Combination Histology Coding	Carolyn Callaghan
30min	3:00-3:30	Clarifying a "Mix-Up": So-Called "Mixed Neuroendocrine-Non-Neuroendocrine Neoplasm" for Cancer Registry Professionals	Andrew Bellizzi
20min	3:30-3:50	Break	
30min	3:50-4:20	Bladder Audit	Kathleen Kenna
30min	4:20-4:50	Review of Updates to Bladder EOD and Grade Based on Bladder Audit	Jennifer Ruhl
10min	4:50-5:00	Closing	
	5:00	Adjourn	

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Tuesday-Thursday, September 24-26, 12:00-5:00 PM ET

	Day 2	Wednesday, September 25, 12:00 – 5:00 PM ET	
10min	12:00-12:10	Welcome	Pamela Sanchez
30min	12:10-12:40	Neoadjuvant Therapy for Breast Cancer	Allison Kurian
30min	12:40-1:10	Best Practices in Handling Neo-adjuvant treated Breast Resections	Uma Krishnamurti
10min	1:10-1:20	Neoadjuvant Data Items	Peggy Adamo
30min	1:20-1:50	Neoadjuvant Data Items Quality Assessment	Serban Negoita
20min	1:50-2:10	Break	
60min	2:10-3:10	(SEER*Educate) Breast Neoadjuvant Treatment	Carolyn Callaghan
30min	3:10-3:40	Kentucky Cancer Registry - Results of Neoadjuvant Data Items Audit for Breast Cancers	Tracy Sumler
20min	3:40-4:00	Break	
15min	4:00-4:15	Primary Site: Breast	Peggy Adamo
15min	4:15-4:30	Solid Tumor Rules: Breast	Lois Dickie
20min	4:30-4:50	Breast: Clarifying Rules for EOD and Updated Grade Instructions	Jennifer Ruhl
10min	4:50-5:00	Closing	
	5:00	Adjourn	

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Tuesday-Thursday, September 24-26, 12:00-5:00 PM ET

	Day 3	Thursday, September 26, 12:00 – 5:00 PM ET	
10min	12:00-12:10	Welcome	Jennifer Ruhl
30min	12:10-12:40	Assessing Clinical Response to Neoadjuvant	Jacob Acoba
		Treatment of Esophageal and Rectal Tumors	
30min	12:40-1:10	Neoadjuvant Therapy in Esophageal and Rectal	Nora Joseph
		Cancers	
60min	1:10-2:10	(SEER*Educate) Rectal & Esophageal Neoadjuvant	Carolyn Callaghan
		Treatment	
20min	2:10-2:30	Break	
20min	2:30-2:50	Primary Site: Rectum & Esophagus	Peggy Adamo
20min	2:50-3:10	Solid Tumor Rules: Rectum & Esophagus	Lois Dickie
20min	3:10-3:30	Rectum & Esophagus: Review of Staging Principles	Jennifer Ruhl
15min	3:30-3:45	Break	
30min	3:45-4:15	What's New in 2025 and Beyond	Jennifer Ruhl & Lois
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20min	4:15-4:35	Understanding Changes In Future Reporting of	Mandi Yu
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15min	4:35-4:50	2025 Race Coding Instructions Updates	Peggy Adamo
10min	4:50-5:00	Closing	
	5:00	Adjourn	

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