

SCCCR MONTHLY BLAST

UPCOMING EVENTS:

CTR Testing Windows 2022:

June 17 – July 9 (Registration Deadline 6/3/2022)

October 14 – November 5 (Registration Deadline 9/30/2022)

NCRA Annual Educational Conference

NCRA is currently offering a special promotion to all member registrants who booked Virtual attendance prior to Feb. 14, 2022. You can transfer your virtual registration to in-person registration at NO additional charge. This offer ends Feb. 28, 2022.

March 1, 2022 is the deadline for Early Bird registration for Annual NCRA Conference.

April 4-8, 2022 is National Cancer Registrars Week – feel free to send me what your team and/or facility will be doing to celebrate. I will highlight this in our May Blast.

NCRA Mini-Learning Shorts

There are complimentary short videos posted the NCRA website to help you with understanding some HOT Topics:

Grade Post Therapy Clin (yp)

Using Manuals: Breast (2 parts)

CoC: Analytic vs non-analytic

Casefinding

Follow-up

Using Manuals: Abstracting breast cases

Using Manuals: Solid Tumor Rules

Using Manuals: Abstracting Lung Cases

Summary Stage 2018 Overview

SSDI general overview

Tumor Tip

High Grade Serous Endometrium

Scenario: 2021 Endometrium: high grade serous carcinoma

Question: How would you code histology?

- 8441 Serous carcinoma, NOS
- 8461 High grade serous carcinoma (C48. _, C56.9, C57.0, C57.1–C57.3)

Answer: 8441/3 Serous carcinoma, NOS

Rationale:

SINQ post 20200023/ 20190085

Code histology for this endometrial primary to serous carcinoma 8441/3. Capture "high grade" in the grade field as instructed in the grade coding manual.

"High grade serous carcinoma" has specific clinical and histopathologic features found in ovarian tumors.

Discussion: This is not an easy conclusion to get to, you must look at the 2018 ICD-0-3 Implementation Guidelines or you might not code this correctly. If you go back and review the 2018 ICD-0-3 Coding Table, you see that 8461/3 was new in 2018 & the Applicable C codes were listed in bold. So, if you pick this code for an endometrial case, you'll probably get an Edit, and now you know why. Be sure to look at those ICD-0-3 Implementation Guidelines & tables! <https://www.naacr.org/icdo3/>

Currently in ICD-0-3, when a topography (C code) is listed in parentheses next to the morphology term, it indicates morphology is most common to that site. It may occur in other sites as well. Many of the new codes, terms, and behaviors listed in this update are site-specific and do not apply to all sites. Applicable C codes will be noted next to the term in **bold font**. These site and histology specific combinations will not be added to the "impossible combination" edit. However, if a site other than the one listed with the morphology code is assigned, the result will be an edit requiring review. This is Interfield Edit 25.

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Common Errors and how can we fix them

Date of First Course of Treatment

- **Problem:** Date of biopsy is being recorded as the date of first course treatment.
- *Per the Store Manual (pg 265): Date of First Course of Treatment records the date on which treatment (surgery, radiation, systemic or other therapy) of the patient began at any facility.*
- It is important to be able to measure the delay between diagnosis and the onset of treatment. A secondary use for this date is as a starting point for survival statistics (rather than using date of diagnosis).
- Record the earliest of the following dates: Date of First Surgical Procedure [1200], Date Radiation Started [1210], Date Systemic Therapy Started [3230], or Date Other Treatment Started [1250].
- If active surveillance or watchful waiting is selected as the first course of treatment (RX Summ–Treatment Status [1285] = 2) record the date this decision is made.

Examples:

20220214 – A patient has a core biopsy on February 12, 2022, and subsequently undergoes an excisional biopsy on February 14, 2022. **The date of the core biopsy IS NOT as the date of first course of treatment.**

20220421 – A patient begins receiving preoperative radiation therapy elsewhere on April 21, 2022 and subsequent surgical therapy at this facility on June 2, 2022.

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Updates from SCCCR

- The SCCCR tentatively plans to start accepting cases in V22 format starting on April 1, 2022. This date is contingent upon the CDC providing a new version of our Web Plus application to upgrade and test internally before using it in production. The SCCCR V22A State Specific Edits Metafile was sent to cancer registry software vendors on February 22, 2022, to be tested and provided to their clients prior to using in our Web Plus application.
- **The SCCCR would like all facilities to send a recent data submission of analytic cases that have not been previously submitted prior to doing any upgrades to your cancer registry software. It is critical this be done so there is no delay in processing the cases on our side.**

We wanted to start including some stats to show you how your hard work is used other than just sitting in a database. We have requests from outside stakeholders for information that we obtain from your abstracts.

Below you will find the requests that we have received in a six-month span.

Your Data at Work	
June 30, 2021 - January 31, 2022	
Cancer Cluster Requests	8
Aggregate Statistics Requests	14
Research Data Requests	15