

Registry Updates

- ODS-C or ODS credential change - The National Cancer Registrars Association (NCRA) and its Council on Certification have updated the credential name of certified tumor registrar (CTR) to oncology data specialist (ODS). The new name better aligns with the evolving scope of practice of cancer registrars and current professional practice terminology. The use of the new credential began Jan. 1. For more information and access to the ODS Toolkit, click this [link](#).
- NAACCR webinars are available on FLccSC at no cost! Monthly IDOH webinar series are available for free, and attendees receive one Category A CEU with completion of a short quiz.
- Educational coordinator Melissa Chapman, RHIT ODS-C, will attend the NCRA conference in-person this year! It will be held in Indianapolis April 24-27. For more information/to register, click this [link](#).

References and Manuals

For ease of access, be sure to download the newest versions of the manuals below:

- **Summary Stage 2018** [v3.1, published October 2023] ([download here](#))
- **STORE 2024** [final version released Dec. 19, 2023] ([download here](#))
 - Includes CTR's guide to coding radiation treatment (Appendix R)
 - Includes CTR's guide to coding melanoma (Appendix M)
- **Grade Manual**, [v3.1, published October 2023] ([download here](#))
- **SSDI** (Site Specific Data Items) [v3.1, published October 2023] ([download here](#))
- **Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Manual** [published August 2021] ([download here](#))
- **ICD-O-3 Updates 2024** ([download here](#))

Bookmark these sites!

[SEER Appendix C Surgery Codes \(2024\)](#) - Provides surgery coding and additional coding help.

[NAACCR Abbreviations and Acronyms](#) - More than 600 words/terms

[SEER Inquire System-Search](#) - Find the answers to your histology, primary site, and solid tumor rules questions!

[SEER-Rx](#) - Look up drugs and their categories and get coding guidance!

[SEER-RSA](#) - An all-inclusive site to assist in coding SEER required data fields (all grades, tumor size summary, RLN pos, RLN exam, RX sum surgery/radiation sequence, RX summary systemic/surgery sequence, SS2018, and SSDIs (all))!

Upcoming training

The truth about SEER Summary Stage Training

- Summary Stage 2 – Regional by direct extension is not applicable for:
 - Cervical lymph nodes and unknown primary (C760)
 - HemeRetic (C421)
 - Ill-defined other (C809)
- If direct extension of the primary tumor into a regional lymph node, code as involved (Stage 3), not stage 2
- An in situ diagnosis can only be made microscopically, so if in situ, the diagnostic confirm must be 1 - histology
- Autopsy reports are used in Summary Stage just as are pathology reports. Apply the same rules for inclusion and exclusion.
- T, N, and, M information may be used to assign Summary Stage when it's the only information available
- Death certificate only (DCO) cases are assigned Summary Stage 9 only
- A tumor which is "attached" to another organ is *not* considered involved (see ambiguous terminology section for more "uninvolved" terms)
- A tumor which is "impinging upon" another organ is considered involved (see ambiguous terminology section for more "involved" terms)

Source: [SEER Summary Stage Manual](#)

For more training on SEER Summary Staging, join the IDOH monthly webinar!

Sign Up for IDOH Monthly Webinar Series: SEER Summary Stage

When is it? Noon EST, Feb 29

What is it? Upon completion of this course, the attendee will have learned the basic principles of SEER Summary Staging. The attendee will use the resources available to better comprehend SEER Summary Staging rules using quizzes and case examples. The attendee will leave with a better understanding of SEER Summary Staging and the confidence to accurately assign Summary Stage.

Where do I sign up? [CLICK THIS LINK](#)



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