

# NHSCR REGISTRY REPORT

## Spring 2019



### NHSCR UPDATES

#### NAACCR v18 Conversion Update

Implementation of NAACCR v18 has been challenging. Most NH hospitals have upgraded their METRIQ software, and NHSCR is able to receive v18 transmissions through Web Plus. Hospitals have been reporting completed cases. However, we will not be able to process any data submissions until we convert our RMCDS software. Also, the current version of METRIQ does not include the NH state-specific fields (e.g. height, weight, tobacco fields, etc.), which will be available in the next upgrade. When that is made available to hospitals, we will ask for v18 cases to be retransmitted so that we may capture those state-specific fields.

In an ideal situation, hospitals would be expected to be 75% complete for year 2018 by now. Needless to say, we are all burdened by the complexity of v18 and the delays in abstracting as we learn and adapt to the numerous changes to national standards. The good news is that no changes are expected until 2021. Standard setters believe this will help state and hospital registries focus on the implementation challenges in the collection and processing of 2018 cases. Thank you for your patience and for the hard work as we continue working our way through implementation of NAACCR v18.

#### NHSCR Data Collection Manual

We just received permission from the CoC to use the STORE manual as the basis for the NHSCR Data Collection Manual and have now started adding NHSCR specific-requirements where they differ from CoC. A blast email will be sent to notify you when it is available on our website.

#### Quality Control

As we process data each month and clear edits, we come across data quality issues that are common among reporting facilities:

- For most sites with Behavior code "2", the staging group should be "0".
- Type of Reporting Source cannot be blank
- Men should not have maiden names!
- SEER Summary Stage cannot be blank

#### Completeness Reports

Because of the delays in the implementation of NAACCR v18, NHSCR will not issue completeness reports on year 2018 data until Oct 2019. This will include all case transmissions received through Sept 2019, the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of the year.

We are 93% complete with diagnosis year 2017 reporting from NH hospitals. To ensure full capture of 2017 cases, we are working on a number of follow-back requests:

- 2017 Path Reviews – Done; follow-back lists were due 3/29/19.
- 2017 MDI – Request for the 2017 Medical Disease Index went out 4/12/19.
- 2016 and 2017 Death Clearance – Follow-back lists sent 4/12/19 with due date of 4/26/19.
- 2016-2017 Missing Values (I/O, smoking, ht/wt) – Under review; follow-back to be sent with next quarterly upload.
- 2016 and 2017 Rapid/Definitive Matching – Under review; follow-back to be sent with next quarterly upload

## **Non-registry Hospital Corner**

Thanks to all non-registry hospitals for completing and submitting the review of the 2017 Medical Disease Index (MDI). NHSCR staff are currently reviewing 2017 pathology reports and rapid abstracts that were submitted via Web Plus. The NHSCR will be requesting the 2018 MDI in June. Please let us know if your hospital is interested in starting the 2018 MDI process early.

Non-registry reporters may notice some issues while uploading files to Web Plus. Please make sure that you zip the file you would like to upload. Unfortunately, reporters may run into problems when uploading a single document versus a zipped file.

We are very thankful to non-registry hospitals who have been generously accommodating the NHSCR at their facilities for site visits. We are also thankful to non-registry hospitals who allow remote access from the secure NHSCR office in Lebanon!

## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

### **NHSCR Annual Meeting**

We are in the process of planning the next NHSCR Annual Meeting – most likely in the Fall. We will send an email when more information is available.

### **NAACCR Webinar Schedule**

NHSCR continues to provide the NAACCR Webinars to our NH registrars. Please consider hosting one of the upcoming sessions.

- 05/02/19 Collecting Cancer Data: Neuroendocrine Tumors
- 06/06/19 Collecting Cancer Data: Ovary
- 07/11/19 Hospital Cancer Registry Operations – Topic TBD
- 08/01/19 Solid Tumor Rules
- 09/05/19 Coding Pitfalls

If you cannot make it to the webinars but would still like to view them, NHSCR can provide you with access to the recording. Email [Maria.O.Celaya@Dartmouth.EDU](mailto:Maria.O.Celaya@Dartmouth.EDU) to find out how to get access, or to host a webinar.

### **CoC Webinar Series**

NHSCR got access for multiple hospitals to view NCRA's three-part webinar series on Mastering the STORE Manual presented this past month. The first webinar provides a review of general updates from FORDS to STORE. The other two webinars outline the STORE manual updates for coding radiation. We received very positive feedback on these webinars. If you were not able to participate in the live viewings and would like to view the recorded versions, contact [Maria.O.Celaya@Dartmouth.EDU](mailto:Maria.O.Celaya@Dartmouth.EDU) for access. Continuing education credit is granted once the corresponding quizzes are completed.

### **SEER\*Educate**

Now available on the SEER\*Educate website (<https://educate.fredhutch.org/>)

- Grade 2018 coding exercises
- 2018 Solid Tumor Rule coding exercises
- Casefinding exercises
- SSDI 2018 coding exercises
- Heme 2018 coding exercises

### **NCRA's Mini-Learning Shorts**

For registrars that have limited time for training, the NCRA has created short, 10-minute or less, presentations free of charge. These include Summary Stage 2018 Overview, SSDI General Overview, and many more. They are available at <http://www.cancerregistryeducation.org/best-practices>.

## STANDARD SETTERS

### NCI SEER

Clarifications, additional notes, and examples, and rules have been added to the 2018 Solid Tumor Rules. Latest updates were made in Jan 2019 and April 2019. The 2018 Solid Tumor Rules are now available in a consolidated PDF file and can be accessed at the following site: <https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/>

### NAACCR

The NAACCR v18c Edits metafile has been posted. The NAACCR v18c metafile is used by central registries and software vendors to create customized edits metafiles for central registry use and for reporting facilities. With this release, vendors can now begin on the next upgrades to v18.

### NHSCR Calendar

05/02 Collecting Cancer Data: Neuroendocrine Tumors  
05/19-22 NCRA Annual Educational Conference – Denver, CO  
05/27 Memorial Day Holiday; NHSCR office closed  
6/06 Collecting Cancer Data: Ovary  
06/09-13 NAACCR/IACR Combined Annual Conference – Vancouver, BC, Canada  
07/04 Independence Day Holiday; NHSCR office closed  
07/11 Hospital Cancer Registry Operations – Topic TBD  
08/01 Solid Tumor Rules  
09/02 Labor Day Holiday; NHSCR office closed  
09/05 Coding Pitfalls  
09/17-18 CRANE Annual Meeting – Warwick, RI  
10/2-10/4 RMCDS Annual Meeting – Helena, MT  
Oct 2019 NHSCR Fall 2019 Meeting – TBA  
11/28-29 Thanksgiving Day Holiday; NHSCR office closed  
12/01 NPCR and NAACCR Call-for-Data due!  
12/23 Winter Break; NHSCR office closed  
12/24-25 Christmas Holiday; NHSCR office closed  
12/26-31 Winter Break; NHSCR office closed  
01/01/20 New Year's Day Holiday; NHSCR office closed

### NHSCR Celebrates National Cancer Registrars Week!

We would like to take this opportunity during NCRW to acknowledge your important role and contributions as cancer data experts. Your efforts and hard work are essential in capturing data that assists with research, prevention, and treatment of cancer. We are very fortunate to have a dedicated and progressive group of registrars in New Hampshire. THANK YOU for all that you do!!

