

FRESH POSTS

ASCR New Employee Highlight



Follow-Back Coordinator

Hello, my name is Kandice Abernathy. I am a graduate from Alabama State University with a BS Degree in Health Information Management. I began my interest in the cancer registry in 2011, when I completed my student internship. My career began as the new Follow Back Coordinator in December 2014. As the Follow-Back Coordinator, I will be contacting you regarding death clearance and pathology follow-back processes. I look forward to working with all of you!

¿ CASE IN QUESTION ?

SUMMARY: A patient presents with a single tumor. Final path states: Lung primary tumor type: composite (mixed) adenocarcinoma, acinar type (65%) and grade III large cell type neuroendocrine carcinoma (35%).

QUESTION: 1.) What would be the histology code using the MP/H rules? 2.) Would you use the rule H6, and use the mixed combination code of 8255?

ANSWER: Large cell neuroendocrine is not included in Table 1, so code 8255/3 is incorrect. Lung rule H7 is correct and the histology should be coded to acinar adenocarcinoma which is the numerically higher code (8550/3). (See SEER Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules)

Death Clearance Process

The Death Clearance Process is underway for cases diagnosed in 2013.

- Please view your WebPlus account to see if you have a death clearance follow-back request.
- We need to know if this case is reportable. If the case is not reportable, please provide us justification. It is imperative that you submit your completed death clearance response form to Kandice Abernathy.

For questions regarding this process, please contact Kandice Abernathy at (334)206-2088 or kandice.abernathy@adph.state.al.us.

NAACCR V15 Upgrades

The ASCR is expecting to have the upgrades completed by mid-June 2015. We will let Abstract Plus users know when your update is available.

Facilities using commercial software should update to the 2015 version only after completion of 2014 data submission. The ASCR will accept 2015 cases only in NAACCR V15. The ASCR will no longer accept cases in NAACCR V14 after September 2015.

New



NTRglobal

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NTRglobal is a secure screen sharing technology that enables us to educate, train and troubleshoot any technical issues you have with your cancer registry software. This software is approved for use by the Alabama Department of Public Health for this purpose.

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AJCC Module II Lesson



The lessons are available now to view on AJCC website. The live webinar is scheduled for **April 21, 2015**. Register for the AJCC Module II lesson at <https://cancerstaging.org/CSE/Registrar/Pages/AJCC-Curriculum.aspx>. 2 CEUs will be issued for the broadcast.

ON A SIDE NOTE

The suffix of a patient's name should not be listed in the last name field. If you have questions, please contact your Coordinator.

Example: Patient's name is **John Lewis Jr.**

Lewis should be in the **last name field**.

Jr. should be in the **suffix field**.

ON A SIDE NOTE

When abstracting cases, please verify in the patient's record if they have had a previous tumor. If the patient has been previously diagnosed with cancer, please document this in the physical examination text field (with dx date, if known) and assign the appropriate sequence number for the tumor you are abstracting.

UPDATED CODING RULES CASES DIAGNOSED AS OF JANUARY 1, 2015

Carcinod Tumor, NOS

Carcinod Tumor, NOS of the Appendix is reportable.

Use Code 8240/3

Enteroglucogonoma, NOS

Enteroglucogonoma is a related term to Glucogonoma

Use Code 8152/1

Do not use Code 8157/1

Enteroglucogonoma, Malignant

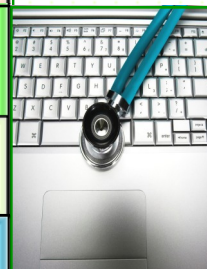
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Use Code 8152/3

Do not use Code 8157/3



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Please check the ASCR website regularly for cancer registry updates.

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**National Cancer Registrars Week
April 6-10, 2015**

Sequence Number - Hospital is the sequence of all malignant and non-malignant reportable neoplasms over the lifetime of the patient. (See page 38 of 2015 FORDS manual)

Example: A 35 year old patient presents to your facility with a diagnosis of lung cancer in 2015. During the H&P, it is mentioned that the patient was diagnosed with leukemia when he was 5 years old. You would abstract the lung case and assign a sequence number of 02 in your database. Additionally, you would make sure you indicate the patient was diagnosed in 1985 with leukemia in the physical examination text field.