ARKANSAS CENTRAL CANCER REGISTRY

June 2024 Monthly Newsletter

Cancer PathChart

Cancer Pathology Decoding Histology and Registration Terminology

Cancer Pathology Coding Histology And Registration Terminology (Cancer PathCHART) is a system for identifying tumor site, histology and behavior code combinations with associated terminology. An online resource will help ODS-C's use the same terms and coding standards. Cancer PathCHART is aligned with the Solid Tumor Manual (STM), Hematopoietic DB and other coding resources.

The CPC Site-Morphology Validation List provides:

1. Valid combinations, that can be entered
2. Impossible Combinations (cannot be entered)
3. Unlikely combinations (triggering site-type edits).

Bookmark Cancer PathCHART for future reference:

This tool may be used for cases diagnosed 1/1/2024 and later and is to be updated annually as needed. A Communications and FAQs section is available that includes a video, approved for 1 CE. Half of the hour video meets Category A requirements.

ACCR EDUCATIONAL WEBINAR SERIES

Topic: AJCC Heme Chapters & Surgical Coding Reviews
Presenter: Janet Raleigh, ODS-C

Date/Time: July 16, 2024 @ 12 pm CST
Register via: FLccSC

Upon completion of this course, attendees will be able to show an in-depth understanding of general surgery coding fields as well as specific surgery coding for Heme, Brain, Melanoma, Breast and Unknown primary sites, and a greater content knowledge of AJCC Heme Chapters.

ACCR NEWS

ACCR updated and posted the ACCR Reportable List for 10/01/23 through 09/30/24 diagnoses and the NAACCR v24 ACCR Required Items List. Important ACCR resources and cancer reporting materials at ACCR's resources and utilizes page! Click this link or enter it into your internet browser: adhcancer.arkansas.gov.

ACCR research projects and presentations are available on the Arkansas Department of Health's website located at https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/arkansas-cancer-registry. Check out Arkansas's Cancer Facts and Figures and look forward to a new publication coming in July 2024!

ACCR WEBINAR SERIES: TEXT REVIEW

Thank you for viewing the ACCR Webinar Series May 2024 presentation!

Please contact the Educational Training Coordinator, Melissa Chapman, or Educational Content Manager, Janet Raleigh, with any questions or suggestions of topics for future webinars you'd like considered for presentation. Melissa.Chapman@Arkansas.gov or Janet.Raleigh@Arkansas.gov

QUICK TIP: Melanoma biopsy procedures are often followed by a wide local excision.Code both procedures according to the type of biopsy performed, i.e.: shave, punch, etc. The 200 series codes are relative to the biopsy procedure, the 500 series codes capture the biopsy with the following WLE. Shave biopsy B220, shave biopsy with WLE B520

UPCOMING CONFERENCES

North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR) Annual Conference Cancer Data Registry of Idaho (CDRI) welcomes NAACCR to the 2024 Annual Conference in Boise! Idaho is known as the Gem State, and our theme for this year is "Discovering Gems Using Cancer Surveillance Data".

Event Details
- **Conference Dates: June 25-27, 2024**
- **Location: Boise Center**
- **850 W Front St, Boise, ID 83702**

Registration information: https://www.naaccr24boise.org/

ACCR's Director, Lindsay Collins, Cancer Surveillance Manager, Daniela Ramirez Aguilar, and Senior Software Support Analyst, Clint Lemons, are attending in person! Lindsay will be moderating a session and Daniela will be presenting a poster. We hope to see you there!

RULES FOR ARKANSAS CANCER CASE REPORTING

In accordance with Arkansas cancer reporting law, all licensed health care facilities and providers are required to report cancer cases to the ACCR no later than six months after the date of diagnosis of cancer and/or initial treatment of cancer.

All cancer cases that were diagnosed or began initial treatment on or before **December 31, 2023**, should have been reported to ACCR. If you still have cases remaining from this period, report them immediately. Cases should be reported via WebPlus.

Month	Abstract due to ACCR	Follow-up Month	Follow-up and case update due
November 2023	May 2024	November of the Year Before	December 1
December 2023	June 2024	December of the Year Before	January 1
January 2024	July 2024	January of the Year Before	February 1

MONTHLY ABSTRACTOR TIPS

SSDI: Consult results
*Record consult over original results.

SSDI: Recording Ranges
*Code the next highest number based on lower value.

SSDI: 'Greater than', 'Less Than, 'At least'
*May refer to whole # or decimal
Code the next highest number based on lower value.
PSA stated as <8, record as 7.9.
ER Percent Positive >76%, record as 077.

SSDI BREAST: ER & PR Percent Positive or Range
*Actual percent described, takes priority over range codes
See available table for results stated as ranges for applicable R code
*If range is less than or equal to 10, code the appropriate R code based on the lower number:
26-33%, code to R30 (21-30%)
*If range is greater than 10, code to unknown (XX9):
53-97%, code XX9

TEXT: Primary Site & Histology
*Required to be entered

Diagnostic Confirmation:
*Melanoma with biopsy or excision for tissue with pathologic exam:
Code = 1

COLLECTING DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST NAME
- Never leave blank
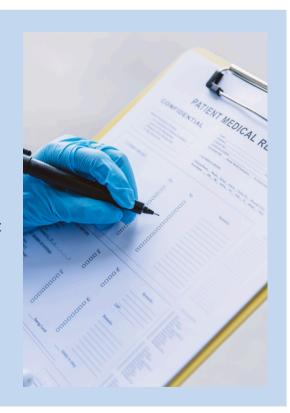- Enter UNKNOWN

SOCIAL SECURITY #
- Must be 9 digits
- Can be partially filled with 9's
- Do NOT leave blank

COUNTY AT DX
- Code 998 when known town, city, state or country, but county is not known
- Use ZIP CODE LOOK UP to look up zip for city, state if not known

PRIMARY PAYER AT DX
- Code 1st insurance mentioned when multiple
- Code insurance closest to date of diagnosis
- Do not change after diagnosis
- Prisoners = Code 10

For diagnosis year 2024, click on the links below to review and apply updated information.

STORE MANUAL 2024
- Major updates include surgical code changes, sites with B codes: Skin (2023), Colon, Pancreas, Lung,
- Breast, Thyroid (2024)
- Appendix M – Case Studies for Melanoma coding, removed
- Tobacco Use Smoking Status: Coding instructions implemented
- See manual for complete listing

SSDI MANUAL
- New for 2024, Brain: Tumor Location
- See manual for additional updates

GRADE MANUAL

SEER SUMMARY STAGE MANUAL

SEER PROGRAM AND STAGING MANUAL 2024

AJCC Version 9 Protocols for diagnosis 01/01/2024 forward:
Vulva, Neuroendocrine Tumors of Stomach, Duodenum and Ampulla of Vater
Jejunum and Ileum, Appendix, Colon and Rectum, and Pancreas

No changes to reportability for 2024 diagnosis year

Fun FACT - DID YOU KNOW...

The word 'cancer' comes from the Latin for 'crab' – just like the zodiac sign.

Early doctors, when describing certain tumors which had veins or extensions from the body, called them crab-like, or 'cancerous'.

Questions?

Check out our Frequently Asked Questions on the ADH website!
https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/FAQs_about_ACCR.pdf.

Need assistance getting set up with cancer case reporting or are you experiencing issues with WebPlus? Contact Clint Lemons at 501-661-2141 or clint.lemons@arkansas.gov.

For all other questions or for more information on the Arkansas Central Cancer Registry, email us at ADH.ACCR@arkansas.gov. We look forward to hearing from you!