CANCER REGISTRY REFERENCES

* Considered to be essential to any registry and every effort should be made to obtain these materials. For most of these, an electronic version would be sufficient.

Note: The following is based on the most current version of the manuals and websites available as of January 1, 2011. The web sites for the following resources should be checked routinely as updates are continually being posted.

Code Manuals and Record Layouts


   Earlier Versions:

Stage and Extent of Disease Manuals


Earlier Versions (Available at [http://cancerstaging.org/cstage/manuals.html](http://cancerstaging.org/cstage/manuals.html))

- Collaborative Stage Task Force of the American Joint Committee on Cancer. Collaborative Staging Manual and Coding Instructions, Version 01.03.00. Chicago, Ill.: American Joint Committee on Cancer and Bethesda, Md.: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; September 2006.
- Collaborative Staging Task Force of the American Joint Committee on Cancer, Collaborative Staging Manual and Coding Instructions, Version 01.00.00, Incorporating minor page corrections through July 15, 2005 (Version 01.02.00). NIH Publication Number 04-5496.


Earlier Versions:

- Edition 5 was published by Lippincott-Raven under the title of AJCC Cancer Staging Manual.
- Editions 1, 2, 3, and 4, were published by Lippincott-Raven under the title Manual for Staging of Cancer.


Earlier Versions:


Disease Classifications


   Earlier Versions:


Other Data Collection Standards


ACoS CoC Cancer Program Standards

Quality Management


18. Standards for Cancer Registries Volume IV: Standard Data Edits. North American Association of Central Cancer Registries, Version 12. (This documents standard computerized edits for data corresponding to the data standards in Volume II. The standard is primarily made available electronically as program code and a database. Updated metafiles corresponding to changes in data standards are issued periodically.)

Other References

   • Book Six: Classification for Extent of Disease; 1977.
   • Book Seven: Statistics and Epidemiology for Tumor Registrars; 1994.


BASIC MEDICAL REFERENCES

1. *Medical dictionary: Dorland’s, Stedman’s, Blakinston’s, Melloni’s, Taber’s. Available through a local bookstore or medical library.

2. *Textbooks on:
   a. Practical and clinical oncology
   b. Medical terminology
   c. Anatomy and physiology
   d. Pathology
   e. Diagnostic techniques and treatment modalities
   f. Statistics

3. Physicians Desk Reference
RESOURCES

In-House (Internal) Resources

1. Medical Staff
   a. Pathologist – assistance with questions regarding pathology reports including histology or primary site
   b. Medical Oncologist (or other clinician who treats cancer patients) – may provide clarification for information in the medical record and may be able to act as liaison between the cancer registry and other medical staff.

2. Oncology Clinical Trials Department
   a. Information on current clinical trials
   b. Assistance with follow up for patients on clinical trials

3. Community Outreach Department - Information on education and screening programs being offered in the community

4. Quality Management Department - Assistance with quality management issues

5. Education Department – Access to cancer related medical lectures and classes

6. Hospital Library – Access to reference materials and journals

7. Reference Books (those listed above)

Local Resources

8. State’s Central Cancer Registry
   a. Technical/coding questions
   b. Cancer registry management
   c. State laws and other reporting standards

9. Cancer Registry Professional Associations in your state or surrounding area
   a. Educations meetings
   b. Networking/Mentoring

10. American Cancer Society unit in your area
    a. Publications – including Cancer Facts and Figures
    b. Educational materials
    c. Speakers for educational meetings

11. Community Colleges – offer courses in management, computer science, anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, etc.

12. Pharmaceutical Company Representatives in your area
    a. Information on current antineoplastic drugs
    b. Publications
    c. Speakers for educational meetings

National Resources
13. National Cancer Registrars Association
   a. Publications
   b. Educational meetings
   c. Certification (CTR)
   d. Networking/Mentoring
   e. Continuing Education

14. Journals
   c. Health Information Management related: For the Record, Advance
   d. Those available from:
      i. Commission on Cancer
      ii. American Cancer Society
      iii. National Cancer Institute
      iv. North American Association of Central Cancer Registries
      v. National Cancer Registrars Association

15. Standard setting organizations (see contact list provided in the lesson material)