SUBJECT: Tumor Registry Coding Systems

SEE ALSO: SEER EOD, 3rd edition; AJCC, 5th edition; and SEER Summary 2000

INFORMATION

The purpose of this procedure is to inform Tumor Registrars how to code SEER, AJCC, and Summary stage in an abstract.

PROCEDURE:

SEER Staging:
1. When abstracting a case and need to enter the SEER staging, use the SEER EOD 3rd edition book.
2. Look up the correct site in the SEER EOD book.
3. In the chart, the size of tumor may or may not be stated. If the size is stated, record according to the SEER site.
   *always read the notes at the bottom of the page pertaining to the size.
4. After size is selected, select the best SEER extension.
5. SEER extension is based on the information from the Operative, Pathology and Radiology reports.
   *always read the notes at the bottom of the page pertaining to extension.
6. Select the SEER Lymph node codes. This may be based on clinical or pathological findings depending on the site.
7. For more information, review pages 1-10 general instructions.

AJCC staging:
1. When abstracting a case and need to enter the AJCC stage, use the AJCC 5th edition book.
2. Look up the correct site in the AJCC book.
3. In order for the AJCC staging to be correct, the managing or following physician must stage.
4. Select the T, N, and M as well as the group for each site.
5. There may be some sites that do not require AJCC staging which are stated in the description or the histopathologic type of each site.
6. For more information, review pages 3-9 general instructions.

Summary staging:
1. The CPDMS program now enters this staging.
2. To enter this stage manually, look up the correct site in the SEER Summary Staging Manual 2000.
3. Select the best stage for the case based on the information from the Operative, Pathology, and Radiology reports.

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