

# Multiple Primary and Histology Coding Rules

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# Overview

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- Problem Identification
- Problem Definition
- Committee Structure
- Purpose
- Site-Specific Rules

# Overview Continued

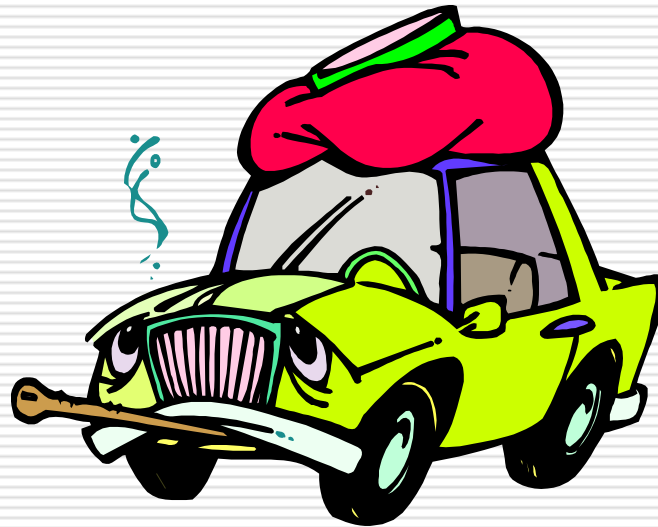
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- Rule Development Process
- Formal Review
- Current Activities
- Future Activities
- Education

# Problem Identification

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- If it ain't broke, don't fix it!



# Problem Identification

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- Audits
  - Reabstracting
  - Reliability
- SEER SINQ
- Workshop requests
- Unable to flowchart

# Confirmed

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- NAACCR Multiple Primary Meeting
- Record Consolidation Subcommittee

# Problem Definition

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- 25 year old rules
  - Site-specific exceptions
- Clinical advances – increasing histologic descriptive characteristics
  - Electron microscopy
  - Immunohistochemistry
  - Molecular testing

# Problem Definition

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- ❑ ICD-O-3 new terms and new codes
- ❑ Non-standard use of nomenclature
- ❑ Difficult to train registrars



# Committee Structure

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- SEER – facilitators
- AJCC
- CoC
- NAACCR
- NCRA
- NPCR
- Statistics Canada

# Committee Structure

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- ❑ 10 SEER regions
- ❑ MN State Registry
- ❑ Specialty pathologists and clinicians
- ❑ ICD-O-3 editors
- ❑ Subcommittees
  - 8 site-specific rule
  - Editing
  - Education



# Purpose

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- Improve data quality by promoting consistency of application
  - Clarify histology rules
  - Clarify multiple primary rules
- Preserve integrity of incidence count

# Site-Specific Rules

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- Breast
- Colon
- Lung
- Brain
- H&N
- Kidney
- Renal pelvis,  
ureter, & bladder
- Melanoma

# Rule Development Process

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- Committee development and revision
- Web based feasibility testing by registrars
  - Hospital based
  - Central registry
  - Independent



# Formal Review Process

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- ❑ CBTRUS
- ❑ CoC Disease Site Teams
- ❑ NAACCR Registry Operations
- ❑ CAP Protocol

# Work in Progress

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- Impact on Legacy Data Review

# Followed by...

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- Histology Committee Review
- ROC Chair review
- Manual PDF format
- SEER Manual Appendix C



# Field Test

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- SEER Regions

# Beta Test Educational Module

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- NCRA Annual Conference May 2005
  - 250 participants
  - 10 TAs

# September 8-9, 2005 Proposed

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- Train the Trainers
  - 100 participants
  - State registries
  - CoC, NCRA, NPCR, NAACCR, VA, DoD, vendors

# Further Training

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## Webcast

- Live participation
- Recorded version available anytime
- 10 presentations
  - Basic education
  - Site-specific rules
  - General rules