

**Note:** Only 8 of the 15 Collaborative Stage Fields are required for 2004 - 2007 cases. These are the fields necessary to derive SEER Summary Stage. Nine of the 15 fields are required for cases diagnosed/admitted 2008 and forward.

### **CODING CANCER CASES**

For cancer coding, the correct ICD-O version must be used for all cases according to the year in which the cancer case was diagnosed, or if the diagnosis year is unknown, the year in which the case was accessioned. Otherwise, the cancer case will fail required edits and will not be accepted by the TCR.

The *International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition* (ICD-O-3) **must** be used to code the primary cancer site (topography) and the cell type (morphology, behavior, and grade, NAACCR items 522 and 523) of tumor for all cases diagnosed/admitted on January 1, 2001 and forward.

For all cases diagnosed on January 1, 1992–December 31, 2000, the *International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition* (ICD-O-2) **must** be used to code the primary cancer site (topography) and the cell type (morphology, behavior and grade, NAACCR item 420 and 430).

### **STAGING CANCER CASES**

For staging cancer cases, all cases must be staged and the corresponding stage data fields must be completed according to the correct staging guidelines for the year in which the cancer was diagnosed. If the diagnosis year is unknown, the correct guidelines for the year in which the case is accessioned must be used. Otherwise, the cancer case will fail required edits and will not be accepted by the TCR.

The *Collaborative Staging Manual and Coding Instructions, Version 01.04.00* must be used for cases diagnosed January 1, 2004 and forward. The SEER Summary Stage 2000 will be derived from the CS data elements.

The *SEER Summary Staging Manual 2000 (SSSM2K)* must be used for cases diagnosed from January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2003. Every site has a staging scheme. The SSSM2K has detailed information regarding adjacent sites, and includes site-specific notes, coding guidelines, and anatomic drawings. For cases diagnosed prior to 2001, refer to the *SEER April 1977 Summary Staging Guide*.

**Note:** Both Collaborative and Summary Stage schemas use all information (both clinical and pathological assessments) available through completion of surgery(ies) in the first course of treatment or within four months of diagnosis in the absence of disease progression, whichever is longer.