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Dear Texas Cancer Reporters,

We thank all Texas cancer reporters for their patience while national standard setters finalized the 2018 and 2019 cancer reporting requirements and necessary resources.

Due to the 2018 requirement delays, the TCR is once again extending 2018 reporting deadline. The 2019 reporting deadline remains the same. Both the newly revised 2018 and 2019 reporting calendars can be found at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tcr/reporting/hospitals.aspx>.

Beginning with cases diagnosed January 1, 2018, the Texas Cancer Registry (TCR) is requiring TNM data items for analytical cases, only from those facilities accredited by the American College of Surgeons (ACoS).

For facilities that are not ACoS accredited, reporting requirements for staging information remains the same. TNM data items are not required.

Below is a listing of additional data items required for cases diagnosed beginning January 1, 2018. Some of this information was previously captured in the Collaborative Stage Site Specific Factors (SSF) prior to 2018, but it will now be captured in the Site-Specific Data Items (SSDI) beginning 2018 forward.

- (#3843) Grade Clinical
- (#3844) Grade Pathological as available
- (#764) Directly assigned Summary Stage 2018
- (#3926) Schema Discriminator 1-
 - BileDuctsDistal/BileDuctsPerihilar/CysticDuct
 - EsophagusGEJunction (EGJ)/Stomach
 - Histology Discriminator for 9591/3
 - Lacrimal Gland/Sac

- Melanoma Ciliary Body/Melanoma Iris
- Nasopharynx/Pharyngeal Tonsil C111 only
- Occult Head and Neck Lymph Nodes
- Plasma Cell Myeloma Terminology
- Primary Peritoneum Tumor
- Thyroid Gland/Thyroglossal Duct
- Urethra/Prostatic Urethra
- (#3927) Schema Discriminator 2-
 - Esophagus and Esophagogastric Junction/Histology discriminator for 8020/3
 - Oropharyngeal p16
- (#3816) Molecular Markers-Brain,
- (#3817) Breslow Tumor Thickness-Melanoma,
- (#3932) LDH Pretreatment Value-Melanoma of the Skin
- (#3827) ERA Summary, (#3915) PRA Summary, (#3855) HER2 Overall Summary-Breast
- (#3835) Fibrosis Score-Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Ducts
- (#3890) Microsatellite Instability (MSI)-Colon and Rectum
- (#3920) PSA Lab Value-Prostate
- Phase I Radiation Treatment Modality (#1506) will replace Radiation Modality (#1570) and RX Summ—Radiation (#1360)
- (#2152) CoC Accredited Flag (populated by software vendor)

The 2018-2019 Cancer Reporting Handbook is published on our website at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tcr/training/2018-2019-handbook.aspx>. The Handbook includes all TCR recent these updates, newly required data items, data items no longer required, and detailed instructions including links to all necessary reporting resources.

All 2018 cases and prior years regardless of software must be abstracted in V18 format. The NAACCR Version 18C metafile is available for download on our website at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tcr/software.aspx>. The TCR will be upgrading Web Plus to V18 on Thursday, June 27, 2019.

The TCR will be conducting a training series on both V18 Web Plus and the 2018-2019 Cancer Reporting Handbook and TCR requirements.

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For V18 Web Plus training please register here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M67NVNS>.

For the 2018-2019 Cancer Reporting training register here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MHQVNPF>.

If you are unable to attend these trainings, please contact Elizabeth Harvey, TCR trainer at tcr.training@dshs.texas.gov for additional opportunities.

Please contact your regional representative if you have additional questions or concerns.

Thank you for your continued efforts towards cancer reporting in Texas, and working to reduce the cancer burden both in Texas and the U.S.

Sincerely,

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