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Dear Texas Cancer Reporters,

We thank all of the Texas cancer reporters for their patience while national standard setters finalize the 2018 reporting requirements, standards and resources.

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

For hospitals and cancer centers that are not ACoS accredited, these data items are required *as available* for analytical cases only (class of case 00-22).

Due to the delay of national standard setters providing the necessary 2018 resources and guidelines in a timely manner, the TCR is delaying the 2018 reporting deadline by three months. The TCR Reporting Calendar reflects this extension and can be found at

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tcr/reporting/hospitals.aspx>.

There are 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 will now be captured in the Site Specific Data Items (SSDI) beginning 2018 forward.

- Phase I Radiation Treatment Modality (#1506) will replace Radiation Modality (#1570) and RX Summ—Radiation (#1360)
- Directly assigned Summary Stage 2018 (#762)
- (#3816) Molecular Markers-Brain
- (#3817) Breslow Tumor Thickness-Melanoma,
- (#3827) ERA Summary, (#3915) PRA Summary, (#3855) HER2 Overall Summary-Breast
- (#3835) Fibrosis Score-Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Ducts
- (#3843) Grade Clinical
- (#3890) Microsatellite Instability (MSI)-Colon and Rectum
- (#3920) PSA Lab Value-Prostate
- (#3932) LDH Pretreatment Value-Plasma Cell Myeloma, Plasma Cell Disorders

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- (#2152) CoC Accredited Flag
- (3844) Grade Pathological as available
- (3845) Grade Post Therapy as available
- (#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
 - Histology Discriminator for 8020/3
 - Oropharyngeal p16

The TCR is working on the *2018 Cancer Reporting Handbook* which includes all changes, newly required data items, data items no longer required, and detailed instructions including links to all new resources.

A notification to reporters and vendors will be sent once the NAACCR Version 18 (V18) metafile is available for download on our website. All 2018 cases regardless of software must be abstracted in V18 format. The TCR anticipates Web Plus will be upgraded to NAACCR V18 in late Fall 2018.

Please contact your Registry Operations regional representative if you have additional questions or concerns. A list of their contact information can be found at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/tcr/contact.aspx>.

Thank you for your continued efforts in providing the best patient cancer information possible. Your hard work helps in the fight to reduce the cancer burden in the State of Texas.

Sincerely,

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