# Kansas Cancer Registry Newsletter

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## October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Source: Breast Cancer Statistics | How Common Is Breast Cancer? | American Cancer Society

https://www.fda.gov/consumers/knowledge-and-news-women-owh-blog/breast-cancer-awareness-month

Approximately 321,910 new invasive breast cancer cases are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S in 2026. An additional 60,730 new non-invasive (in situ) cases are expected in women as well.

Even though 42,140 women in the U.S. are expected to die from breast cancer in 2026, death rates have been decreasing steadily since 1989, for an overall decline of 44% through 2023. This is most likely the result of finding breast cancer earlier through screening and increased awareness, as well as better treatments.

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Source: https://dhccenter.com/liver-cancer-awareness-month-learn-more-from-dhc/

# October is Liver Cancer Awareness Month

Source: https://www.cancer.org/cancer/liver-cancer/about/what-is-key-statistics.html

The American Cancer Society's estimate for primary liver cancer and intrahepatic bile duct cancer in the United States for 2026 are:

- About 42.340 new cases (27,790 in men and 14,550 in women) will be diagnosed
- About 30,980 people (19,650 men and 11,330 women) will die of these cancers

Liver cancer incidence rates have tripled in the US over the past 4 decades.

## Is there something you want to see in our newsletter?

Please reach out to the Kansas Cancer Registry if you have specific topics or questions that you would like to see in our newsletter. Any topics, ideas, or questions should be sent via email to kcr@kumc.edu.

# 2027 NCRA ANNUAL CONFERENCE




he National Cancer Registrars Association will hold its 53rd Annual Educational Conference, May 10-13, 2027, at the Town and Country Resort, San Diego. Whether it is meeting and connecting with fellow cancer registry and ODS-certified professionals or learning from in-depth discussions from medical practitioners and subject matter experts, the Annual Educational Conference meets your professional and credentialling needs.

This hybrid event will welcome both in-person and virtual conference attendees. Registration offerings are detailed on the **Registration Information page**, be sure to check back for additional program offerings. There are many reasons to attend!

2027 Headquarters Hotel
Town and Country Resort™ San Diego
500 Hotel Circle North
San Diego, CA, 92108

Located in the center of San Diego, Town and Country Resort offers easy access to all the city has to offer, including a short walk to luxury shopping and minutes to beaches and attractions.
Make Hotel Reservations
Reserve Online: **www.ncra-usa.org/Hotel**
Phone: 800-772-8527
Rate: $255 single/double

Deadline: NCRA Rate is available on a first come-first served basis until sold out or April 1, 2027, whichever comes first.

Travel and Transportation

San Diego International Airport (SAN) is the main airport servicing San Diego and only 20 minutes to the conference hotel with taxi and ride share services easily available.

Southwest Airlines Promotion

Coming soon! Eligible travelers attending the conference will be able to take advantage of discounted fares on Southwest Airlines. Details will be posted in November.

# Abstracting Questions and Answers

## Endometrial "Sentinel lymph node biopsy" with 11 nodes

Q. 1 For NAACCR Item 1292, Scope of regional lymph node surgery, are we to use a 2, 5 or 6 when a patient has " Robotic-assisted total laparoscopic hysterectomy. Bilateral salpingo-oophorectomy. Sentinel lymph node injection and biopsy." and 11 "sentinel nodes" were removed? Our path report literally says pN0(sn). That doesn't seem correct to choose a 2 here, but that is why I'm asking.

Q. 2 For NAACCR Item 1292, can ANY site have sentinel lymph nodes counted in this item if the surgeon states they are sentinel? (i.e., Endometrium, Head/Neck, Thyroid?) Or, is the "2" in this field only reserved for Breast and Melanoma cases?

Scope of RLN Surgery data item provided in STORE provides general instructions for applying codes for all sites and also notes specific to breast primaries. Please review all coding instructions and notes available in STORE based on the diagnosis date of the case.

Answer

If a SLN biopsy is performed, additional non-sentinel nodes may be taken during the same operative procedure. The additional non-sentinel LNs are palpably abnormal and selectively removed (or harvested) as part of the SLN biopsy procedure by the surgeon or may be discovered by the pathologist. Code this as a SLN biopsy (code 2).
If review of the operative report confirms that a regional lymph node dissection followed the SLN biopsy, assign code 6.
From the information you provided in your first scenario, assign code 2.

Scope of RLN surgery Code 2 is not exclusive for breast and melanoma cases. #

Source: STORE 2023 Manual page 207 and NCCN Guidelines Melanoma Cutaneous

## Schema Name Changes

| Current Names | Revised Names |
|---|---|
| • Oropharynx HPV-Mediated | Oropharynx HPV-Associated |
| • Oropharynx (p16-) | Oropharynx HPV-Independent |

These names changes have been applied back to 2018. All references in the AJCC DLL, SEER API (which includes SSDIs, Grade, EOD) have been updated to reflect the new terminology.

Note: Summary Stage chapter has not changed (Oropharynx)

Source: NAACCR V26 Updates Webinar Slide 8

# Abstracting Questions and Answers

## Site-Specific Data Item #3961 This SSDI is effective for diagnosis years 2023+

**NCCN Guidelines for Melanoma: Cutaneous**

**PRINCIPLES OF SURGICAL MARGINS FOR WIDE EXCISION OF PRIMARY MELANOMA**

| Tumor Thickness | Recommended Peripheral Surgical Margins |
|---|---|
| In situ | 0.5–1 cm |
| ≤1.0 mm | 1 cm |
| >1.0–2.0 mm | 1–c cm |
| >2.0–4.0 mm | 2 cm |
| >4.0 mm | 2 cm |

If the surgical margins are not known, Path TNM stage cannot be completed.

Source: STORE 2023 Manual page 207 and NCCN Guidelines Melanoma Cutaneous

## Primary Site: Endometrium

**How to code when an OMENTECTOMY is performed**

Code Surgical Procedure/Other Site field:

-04 Nonprimary surgical procedure to distant site

Because greater omentum is above the pelvic brim.

Source: NCRA 2026 Conference Endometrium

**Visit cancerbulletin.facs.org/forums/ and seer.cancer.gov/seer-inquiry/ for more abstracting and coding q&a**

## KCR REPORTING SCHEDULE

| Month of Diagnosis | Due to KCR by: |
|---|---|
| January 2026 | July 2026 |
| February 2026 | August 2026 |
| March 2026 | September 2026 |
| April 2026 | October 2026 |
| May 2026 | November 2026 |
| June 2026 | December 2026 |
| July 2026 | January 2027 |
| August 2026 | February 2027 |
| September 2026 | March 2027 |
| October 2026 | April 2027 |
| November 2026 | May 2027 |
| December 2026 | June 2027 |

## ARE YOUR RESOURCES CURRENT?

- ✓ KCR is now ready to accept NAACCR Record Layout Version 26. Use NAACCR Record Layout Version 26 and NAACCR Version 26A Edits to abstract all cases diagnosed January 1, 2026 and forward
- ✓ Use AJCC TNM 8th Edition for staging cases diagnosed January 1, 2018 and forward
- ✓ Use the STORE 2026 Manual for all cases diagnosed January 1, 2026 and forward
- ✓ Use the Solid Tumor Rules (updated July 2026) for all cases diagnosed January 1, 2018 and forward
- ✓ Use the web-based Hematopoietic & Lymphoid Neoplasm Database (http://www.seer.cancer.gov/seertools/hemelymph/) for coding all diagnosis years. You must now select diagnosis year to be shown the correct information and the correct version of the manual
- ✓ You can find the KCR ICD-10-CM case-finding list on the Downloads page of our website
- ✓ Collaborative Stage Transition Updates. You can find all newsletters at: https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/collabstaging/
- ✓ AJCC has free training materials now available at: https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer-programs/american-joint-committee-on-cancer/staging-education/registrar/

## DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION!

Visit Kansas Cancer Registry (kumc.edu) to download the contact information update form.

Submit the updated form to KCR (kcr@kumc.edu) or fax: 913-588-7384

# Thank you!

The Kansas Cancer Registry Staff would like to thank you for your hard work and dedication within the cancer registry community.


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*The Kansas Cancer Registry (KCR) collects and maintains a population based longitudinal database of all Kansans diagnosed with cancer. KCR is the only population-based source of information on cancer incidence in the State of Kansas. It provides information on the occurrence of cancer, stage at diagnosis, survival and sub-populations affected by different types of cancer. Registry information can be used by researchers to evaluate the effectiveness of new treatments and by public health professionals to implement and monitor prevention efforts. Thanks to facilities across the state of Kansas who report cancer cases, KCR has quality data to help in the fight against cancer*


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