

# SEER November 2008 Data Submission Requirements and Guideline

## NOVEMBER 2008 DATA SUBMISSION

1. The data submission is due Monday, November 3, 2008. The data submission should include all resident cases through 12/31/2006 diagnoses.
2. The file must be submitted in NAACCR 11.2 format and should be named rr.nov08.txd.gz where rr represents the two character abbreviation for your registry. A list of the variables to be included in the submission can be downloaded from <http://www.seer.cancer.gov/tools/seer08.dataitems.pdf>.
3. The file should be sorted by the following variables: Registry ID (NAACCR Item #40), Patient ID Number (NAACCR Item #20), Sequence Number Central (NAACCR Item #380). For Los Angeles and NCCC, the legacy id should be put in columns 32-39 and the State of California patient ID number (Eureka ID) should be put in columns 2-9.
4. The file should be edited prior to submission using the SEER\*EDITS bundle distributed to the regions. Use Attachment B in WORD to notify NCI SEER that the file has been submitted and whether or not SEER is to submit your data for the NAACCR Call for Data.
5. **IHS indicator (NAACCR Item #192):** Although the IHS variable is a required field, we are not requiring that you submit your current value in that field. It is fine to submit blanks for all patients. We will be updating your files with a more recent IHS linkage value prior to submission to NAACCR. Due to the problems encountered with last year's IHS variable we felt it would be easier for the registries to submit a blank field. If this causes a huge problem with the creation of your file it is fine to submit the current value. We will over-write it with the updated information.
6. **NAPIIA:** Run both NAPIIA (NAACCR Item #193) and NHIA (NAACCR Item #191) which are now one algorithm. Do not use the program from last year to run them. Use the NHAPIIA SAS program found on the NAACCR Call for Data website.
7. **Summary stage:** If you want SEER to submit your data for the NAACCR call for data, the Summary Stage 77 and Summary Stage 2000 data must be submitted. Either field can be directly coded or recoded via the Summary Stage recode programs for Summary Stage 77 and Summary Stage 2000. Summary Stage 1977 must be on your file for all cases through 2000 and Summary Stage 2000 for all cases 2001-2003.
8. **BEALE codes:** If you submit county, Beale codes do not need to be submitted for the NAACCR Call for Data 2009.
9. **Collaborative Staging:** There were only a few cases that needed to be recoded/reviewed for this submission. Please see: <http://www.cancerstaging.org/cstage/recodingspecs4v010400.pdf>
  - a. Please run your 2004-2006 data through the CS algorithm before submission. It needs to be CS version 010400 or higher.

**10. VA case counts:** Before submitting your file, use the new SEER edits package (to be distributed by the end of September) to run your edits. The SEER edits package will include the new VA program.

- a. Create an extract data file for submission but include the facility code variable in the appropriate NAACCR column.
- b. Run that file through the SEER\*Edits program to create the VA report.
- c. Export the VA report to EXCEL.
- d. Remove the facility code variable from the data file.
- e. Submit the data file and the EXCEL VA Report to SEER for submission.

**Attachment A.**  
**SEER Patient Follow-up Calculation**  
**for Nov 2008 submission only**

**Note 1:** The following explanation of the follow-up calculation is based on the SEER contract statement of work.

**2006 is the last year of data being submitted.** The percent of patients diagnosed during the years prior to 2006 who have current follow-up is defined as

$$P = 100(D + A)/T$$

where D is the number who died prior to January 1, 2007, A is the number with follow-up dates on or after January 1, 2007 (includes both alive and dead patients), and T is equal to A + D + the number of patients who were last known to be alive with follow-up dates prior to January 1, 2007. P can be calculated for individual years of diagnosis up through 2005 and for all years combined prior to 2006.

**For all invasive cancers and calendar years specified by NCI, P shall be at least 95 percent, but must not be below 90 percent.**

**For patients ages 20-64, and under age 20, P shall be at least 90 percent in each case, but must not be below 80 percent.**

**For all in situ cancers (excluding cervix in situ) and calendar years specified by NCI, P shall be at least 90 percent, but must not be below 80 percent.**

**Note 2:** Although it is not in the statement of work, follow-up is expected on benign and borderline central nervous system tumor cases diagnosed 1/1/2006 and forward.

**Attachment B.**  
**November 2008 Submission to NCI**  
Please complete for each submission and e-mail to:  
[SEERSUBM-L@list.nih.gov](mailto:SEERSUBM-L@list.nih.gov)

**Registry Name:**  
**Registry ID number:**  
**Date of file transfer to SEER:**  
**Data file name:**  
**Years of diagnosis submitted:**  
**Number of cases submitted:**

**For NHIA V2 did you:**

**Include ALL cases? YES or NO**

**If NO:**

- 1. Exclude all cases with a code of 0 on data item 190? YES or NO**
- 2. Exclude the surname match portion of NHIA v2 for all cases in counties with less than 5% Hispanic/Latino population? YES or NO**
- 3. If NO:**
  - a. Did you run it on cases with code 0 on data item 190 in these counties? YES or NO**
  - b. Did you run it on cases with code 9 on data item 190 in these counties? YES or NO**

**Comments regarding NHIA:**

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**NAACCR Call for Data 2009:**

**Do you want SEER to submit your data to NAACCR? YES or NO**  
**IF YES:**

- 1. What diagnosis years do you want submitted?**
- 2. SEER Summary Stage 77(SS77): RECODED or DIRECTLY CODED**
- 3. SEER Summary Stage 2000: RECODED or DIRECTLY CODED**
- 4. Addr at Diagnosis – State or Province (Item #80):**
  - i. Have you submitted it to SEER? YES or NO**
  - ii. Do you want it submitted to NAACCR? YES or NO**
  - iii. Do you want it provided (dummied in for all records) by SEER? YES or NO**
- 5. NAACCR has recently requested certain items. Please indicate if you would like the following items submitted to NAACCR.**
  - i. Date of Initial RX--SEER (Item 1260) YES or NO**
  - ii. RX Summ--Surg Prim Site (Item 1290) YES or NO**
  - iii. RX Summ--Radiation (Item 1360) YES or NO**
  - iv. NAPIIA (Item 193) YES or NO**
  - v. Birthplace (Item 250), if currently collected YES or NO**
  - vi. CS Tumor Size (Item 2800), if currently collected YES or NO**
  - vii. Rad-Regional RX Modality (1570), if currently collected YES or NO**
- 6. First Course Calc Method (Item 1500) - Are you submitting it to SEER? YES or NO**
  - i. If No, do you want a code '2' dummied in for all cases and submitted to NAACCR?**
  - ii. If YES, do you want it submitted to NAACCR?**
- 7. Great Circle Distance – Are you submitting it to SEER? YES or NO**
  - i. Do you want it submitted to NAACCR? YES or NO**

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**Technical Contact**

**Name:**

**Telephone number:**

**e-mail address:**

**Registry Manager Contact**

**Name:**

**Telephone number:**

**e-mail address:**

**Known data problems including reasons:**

**Comments:**