

Summary Stage 1977 and 2000 Comparison Protocol

1. Describe Summary Stage rule changes

Identify all rule changes that affect SS2000, using the following documents:

- a. *SS7700.counts.xls* file 1998-2001 provided by NCI.
 - b. NAACCR Report on Summary Stage: Data Effects of the Changes in 2000 (prepared by J. L. Phillips), Appendix A: Changes in Stage Code Assignment by Anatomic Site from SS1977 to SS2000 (see NAACCR website under Epidemiologic Reports).
2. Create the SS1977 and SS2000 Agreement Table. Run statistical test on the agreement and provide Kappa statistic. Construct the table using counts provided in the *SS7700.count.xls* file.
 3. Compare the summary stage distributions using SS1977 and SS2000 staging schemes. These are the marginal totals of the Agreement Table described in Step 2. NCI provided the figures in the *SS7700.discrepancies.doc* file along with discrepancy rate.
 4. Describe the stage shift, both in detail and major categories (L-R-D).
 5. The group will discuss and develop a consensus on data interpretation.