NAACCR Standards Implementation Guidelines
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MAJOR Changes

- Addition of new data items;
- Changes to the format, the record layout, and/or conversions;
- Publication of a new abstracting, staging or coding manual requiring revisions to data collection and data exchange fields.
MINOR Changes

- Addition of a new code to an existing field;
- Clarification of a current code;
- Issuing an erratum from previously published material.
MAJOR Change - Three-year Cycle
MINOR Change - Annual Cycle
Uniform Data Standards Committee: final determination whether major or minor change
MAJOR or MINOR Change Requests

FORM: Request for Addition of a New Data Item and/or Request for Change to an Existing Data Item

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Major Change to record layout no later than 20 months before the change is to take effect
Implementation Task Force for Major Change

- NAACCR President will appoint the Chair
- NAACCR Board, standard setting organization, Chair determine composition
- Formed no later than 18 months
- Final document produced 9 months before implementation
All Materials for Major Change

Final format no later than July 1 of the year prior to implementation to ensure that the change not be postponed.
NAACCR Standards for Cancer Registries, Volume II, Data Standards and Data Dictionary for Major Change

- Must be printed January 1 of the year prior to implementation
NAACCR Standards for Cancer Registries, Volume II, Data Standards and Data Dictionary for Minor Change

Must be printed by July 1 of the year prior to implementation

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Guidelines Effective January 2003

- Next MAJOR Change implementation JANUARY 2006

- Requests for MAJOR changes to be proposed JANUARY 2003 through JUNE 2004
If the world were perfect, it wouldn’t be.”

Yogi Berra
Former New York Yankee