

Q&A Session 2022 Implementation Webinar

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#	Question	Answer
1.	For surgery codes, are the codes obsolete, or do the codes represent procedures that are obsolete? If the latter, is it possible the procedures may still on occasion be found in medical records? Is there provision to code them if found?	If the procedures are found in the medical record, the registrar should post a question to the CAnswer forum. They should include a detailed description of the procedure including information from the operative report.
2.	What is the connection of the edits metafile to the user xml dictionary? Does a change in metafile at the national level, necessitate changes to state specific user dictionary? or can it remain the same if no changes to state specific fields	If your state has custom items and creates a user dictionary you need a custom metafile with a layout that includes those items. Changes to your user dictionary could impact your custom metafile (adding items, changing an item's name, etc). The reverse is not true though: changes to the NAACCR metafile do not impact your user dictionary, and a state can have a custom metafile with without needing a user dictionary.
3.	Is it possible to reflect a last update entry on the Version 22 Reference page Resources... some of these have not been updated and so it's confusing to go there and look without knowing.	At this point we are going to rely on the standard setters to communicate when an update has occurred.
4.	On the Version 22 page - please can these be alphabetized with the v22 IG first so ordered easier to find looking for?	We will look into this as an update for next year. At this point we have tried to group similar resources together.
5.	Just for clarification, even if states have no specific required data items outside of the NPCR required data items but, are planning to submit a data dictionary and edit metafile, we still need post both by October 1st. Technically we are just using the NAACCR edit metafile however, if we do not submit the base dictionary and edit metafile with only the central incoming edit set some of our reporting hospitals will not have a state edit metafile within their software.	If a central registry is only collecting the NPCR required data items (no additional NAACCR data item and no registry specific data items), they may still want to create a state specific metafile. They can just include the edits recommended by NPCR. The process for creating the state specific metafile will be covered on the upcoming training for central registry edit metafile administrators. For more information on this training contact Jim Hofferkamp at jhofferkamp@naaccr.org

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		Registries in this situation would also to post a statement indicating they will not be creating a user dictionary at this time. The can post this at https://www.naacr.org/xml-user-dictionary/#1595253894728-6781cbdf-8c50
6.	What do you do if you encounter a procedure in a removed code? Do you ignore the procedure and code as no surgical treatment?	Those codes will not be available to code for cases diagnosed 2022 forward. The procedures reflected in the codes removed do not remove tissue that can be sent to a pathology. These codes are rarely used. If a procedure is performed that could not be coded elsewhere, a detailed description of the procedure should be sent to CANSWER forum and they will provide instructions on how or if the procedure should be coded.
7.	Should there be a separate link to Summary Stage 2018 on the v22 reference page? It just got an update last week (I don't know if it was officially announced).	Yes. We've updated the list to include a link to Summary Stage 2018 as well as to EOD 2018.
8.	How many of these conversions are necessary for registries that do not require TNM? Will this be clearly communicated in the conversion documentation?	There are very few conversions for review that do not involve TNM data items. There are a few Schema ID changes that could trigger edits or require review of data items to update data items consistent with new schema. Clear statements are included in the conversion document and in the NAACCR Implementation Guidelines to indicate when review is needed and if for TNM or schema changes. The generated manual review list can be used as a general guide to determine changes and data items to review.
9.	Should we implement the AJCC DLL V 09.00.01.001 now or wait for the V22 conversion	Some edits could potentially fail if the AJCC DLL V 09.00.01.001 is implemented in v21 software using a v21 edit metafile. It is best to implement with v22 so everything is in synch.
10.	As central registries are about a year behind hospitals with abstracting cases - when would you recommend central registry's update/convert to the new V2.1?	For this upgrade, it should not be an issue to convert to v22 as soon as possible - one caution is that central registries and reporting facilities should communicate to make sure flow of data can still continue and so central registries receive cases for completeness, DCO process, etc. For this upgrade, if a central registry converts earlier than reporting facilities, files can be

		converted to import into the central registry database. It is more of a challenge if a central registry is behind the reporting facilities as the upgraded incoming files cannot be imported until the central registry database is converted. This can create issues that central registries cannot process cases for completeness, DCO process, etc.
11.	Can Lois repeat the number of changes for new codes, changes, etc. from her slide of 2022 3.2 updates	55 new terms (related or preferred) to existing ICD-O codes. 8 Codes with new behaviors. 12 new ICD-O codes and associated terminology.
12.	12 new ICD-O codes and associated terminology"	Yes, 12 is correct. 10 reportable and 2 non-reportable
13.	What will be the morphology code for HAMN - High grade appendiceal neoplasm for 2022?	HAMN will also be coded 8480/2. Separating LAMN and HAMN in the data will be problematic.
14.	When will the codes/descriptions be available for the user-defined Breast surgery codes?	They are currently available in STORE 2022. https://www.facs.org/-/media/files/quality-programs/cancer/ncdb/store_manual_2022.ashx
15.	Is there any mapping of codes that are now obsolete codes/descriptions for the colorectal schema?	There is no mapping of the codes.
16.	Will there be a NCDB Call for Data in 2022 or ONLY RCRS?	There will be an NCDB Call for Data for 2022. https://www.facs.org/quality-programs/cancer/ncdb/call-for-data
17.	Does immediate reconstruction mean at same time as mastectomy?	Yes, during the same procedure as the treatment procedure.
18.	Submission of these metafiles is due in October but when will registries start using the new metafile in the Registry Plus applications?	The registry-specific metafiles will be used in Registry Plus products when they are upgraded to v22. The most important thing with this October timeline is to get the metafiles to vendors working on facility-reporting software so the metafiles and customization details are available to vendors providing registry-specific software to reporting sources in the hopes of reducing delays for incoming data to the central registries.
19.	I realize CoC is off line possibly but when will the Call for Data specs be provided and when is the Call for Data due	Call for Data Specifications will be announced at the Sept 27 scheduled hospital vendor call and shortly thereafter the website

	submissions in v21 or v22 so when will their v22 XML Dictionary available?	pages for Call for Data will be updated, along with the v22 XML Dictionary.
20.	Should there be a separate link to Summary Stage 2018? It just got an update last week. For central registries that don't collect AJCC that is a very important manual for stage.	Yes! The page has been updated. We've also added a link to the EOD 2018 manual. https://www.naaccr.org/v22referencepage/
21.	For SEER: regarding COVID data collection in 2022: where could we find forthcoming findings on COVID's impact on cancer based on registry data or would this not be made available for a few years?	It will take some time to analyze the data being collected.
22.	What about Esophagus and EGJ Tumor Epicenter [3829] V22 chapter 8 states NPCR status is RS, required, site specific?	Thanks for asking the question. You are correct that the 3829 is also a new data item for NPCR in v22.
23.	Valerie - Are we able to state on the user dictionary page that our state does NOT have a customized dictionary?	Yes - you can submit the form on the user dictionary site without attaching a file. Just state in the text box that your state doesn't have a dictionary.
24.	Can Val please cover how state can identify what is for v21 versus v22 dictionaries?	The clearinghouse will only maintain the most recent version per state. If a registry follows the file and URI naming recommendations on the website that should be clear, and most user dictionaries include a NAACCR version attribute.
25.	Valerie, does making a new submission for user dictionary and or Excel , replace the old file or do we have to delete it?	The new submission will replace the old files
26.	Esophagus and EGJ Tumor Epicenter? It's on the Required Status Table for V22, but it wasn't mentioned so I wanted to check. Thanks!	You are correct. The EGI tumor epicenter is also a new data item for NPCR for v22.

27. Valerie - If we don't have any changes for our 2021 XML user dictionary, do we need to upload anything for 2022?

The NAACCR XML workgroup strongly recommends registries review their user dictionary or decision not to create a user dictionary with the release of every NAACCR version, and update their entry on the user dictionary clearinghouse website. Typically user dictionaries include a NAACCR version attribute that must be updated to continue collecting data when the new NAACCR version is released. Also because of the NPCR data items moving to the base dictionary, we expect that most registries will need to make a new dictionary since most registries have them in their currently posted user dictionary.

28.	The uploaded User xml dictionaries should show the version. Is anyone monitoring when the V22 versions are uploaded to encourage earlier uploads?	The clearinghouse displays the date the dictionary was uploaded so states are encouraged to upload their files by October 1, 2021.
29.	Data dictionary is only for data items that a State collects that are not in NAACCR data dictionary, correct? It is NOT for data items that a State uses for internal record keeping / QC?	That depends mostly on your central registry vendor, at least one recommends including the internal fields. We have a FAQ about this issue. https://www.naacr.org/xml-user-dictionary/
30.	If we upload a V22 User Dictionary, does it replace the V21 and if so is the assumption that the V21 dictionary is no longer needed?	Yes, it will replace v21, we did that to align with the metafile portal's design. We assume that vendors already have your v21 file if they needed it, but if they need it again or you need to change it for some reason you should work with the vendor
31.	If we submit our state specific metafile & dictionary later in October, is that going to be a problem?	We tried to come up with the deadline to best meet the needs from different groups to ensure there are enough time to make the changes. Once states submit the dictionary/edits, updates are allowed if there are any changes. However, if there are any challenges meeting the deadlines, please communicate with your vendors and programs, all of us will be happy to work with you to address the issues.