**Generating Cancer Rates by the NAACCR Poverty Code…*and then some*!**

**Q&A**

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| # | Question | Answer |
| 1 | When will the new SEER\*Prep be available? | Hopefully Friday, but feel free to email seerstat@imsweb.com if you want an early copy. |
| 2 | If we have a subset of the data submission file, will the SAS program still work? In other words, can we generate our own CSV file with only the relevant fields we need for the analysis vs. the numerous fields? | You can definitely create it with just a subset of fields. You will definitely need all of the "population defining" field - age, race, NHIA, IHSLink, sex, year, state, county, 2010 census tract, but most other fields are optional. |
| 3 | How does this process handle PO box, Rural Route, Star Route, etc. types of non-specific addresses? What method is used to assign these cases to census tracts? | This was addressed live. In addition, RR and SR may have valid census tracts, as the reference data (available in the NAACCR Geocoder) has been improved over the last few years. Micro match status (from the geocoder) and the associated penalty code can help identify good matches for those rural addresses. Thanks! |
| 4 | Thank you!! retrieving the hidden ID columns are helpful. | It is extremely helpful! |
| 5 | What is a cancer reporting zone? | This is an initiative from NCI and NAACCR with assistance from Dave Stinchcomb and Diane Ng (Westat). Only registries that have volunteered to evaluate their NAACCR/NCI Zones have them available in NAACCR\*Prep/File\*Pro. If your state is not already working on these, please reach out to Recinda Sherman or Dave/Diane directly if you are interested. |
| 6 | Does the table also provide the confidence intervals and/or standard errors for each tract incident rate? | SEER\*Stat does allow you to include the Standard Errors and Confidence intervals. |
| 7 | Can Yost or other SES variables be assessed by county? | We recommend tract-based SES as the unit of analysis if you want to calculate rates by Yost or other SES variables. Email Recinda if you would like further explanation. |
| 8 | Great presentation! Thank you for creating the instructions and SAS programs necessary to create these CT-level databases. Are the instructions and SAS programs available from NAACCR website or SEER website? Sorry if I missed that part. :-) | There will be a section on the GIS Resources Page that should have most of the resources (with more to come) by the end of the week. thanks! https://www.naaccr.org/gis-resources/ |
| 9 | Can it be use for Canadian Registry? | Please see the NAACCR webinar on May 2, 2022: Geospatial Analysis of Cancer Registry Data, Perspectives from US and Canada |
| 10 | Will you be able to stratify by stage to see if the proportion caught at late stage is different b/t poverty groups and not just the incidence rates? | This was answered live. To recap, we recommend that you analyze stage-specific incidence rates instead of, or in addition to, stage proportions. SEER\*Stat can do both. |