December 2022 NAACCR Call for Data Instruction al Webinar

Q&A Report

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#	Question	Answer
1	Are these instructions for central registries, hospital registries? I've never seen these instructions before and we submit our annual call for data to the NCDB through our RCRS electronic reporting site.	This is the NAACCR Annual CFD Instructional Webinar for Central Cancer Registries.
2	Where can I find more information about the DCO and Certification requirement?	This has been covered in the RDU Section of the NAACCR Narrative over the past couple of years. The general standard is here: https://www.naaccr.org/certification-criteria/ The expectation will be updated in the updated Death Clearance Manual. And registries can find the lower and upper thresholds for all their submitted data in their Data Visualizations, in the Data Assessment Section of the CFD Portal.
3	Regarding the geocoding quality variables from the NAACCR geocoder (Micro Match Status and Penalty	You will be unable to create these variables. The variables are unique to the NAACCR Geocoder, created by and for our cancer surveillance

	Code), what if your registry is geocoding using a different geocoder?	community. They will be included in Vol II (hopefully v24). NAACCR strongly encourages registries use the NAACCR Geocoder as the entire system was designed by and for the cancer surveillance community. And we welcome feedback from users to improve data quality and address local issues.
4	What happens if our Canadian province declines to send census track. In the past, the only way we achieved Privacy permission was specifically did not send such granular information. This, regardless of your security arrangements.	Documentation describes as for US only.
5	If we are unable to submit census tract due to state law, will there be a way for registries to calculate these items (ABSM) on their own?	Yes, in NAACCR*Prep and/or File*Pro. In the future, we will also be supporting SAS codes.
6	What happens for the NAACCR geocoding variables when the registry does not use that tool?	Answered above Q3.
7	Our CCR doesn't use NAACCR Geocoder to geocode the cancer data.	Answered above Q3.

	Instead, we use ArcGIS Pro to do so. In this case, do we have to submit data items of Micro Match Status & Penalty Code? Thanks.	
8	for the DAA, it was mentioned that there is a request for census data and its outlined in DAA- is it possible to get a redlined version of this years DAA in comparison with last year to see what changes or updates have been made?	We update the DAA annually for clarification. This year we added a section that describes our file submission processes (no new activities just further description) and a small section about census tract (it is in the title). Those two sections are clearly labeled.
9	Why are the edits are so late? We should have started checking edits before August	We are on our standard timeline. I believe this question was actually addressing the timeliness of a tool that is not produced by NAACCR.
10	Can someone explain why and who may submit only the 2020 diagnosis year and not from 1995?	A registry may want to submit Certification Only by the deadline to meet timeliness criteria for Certification, but may provide updated/improved/augmented data for CiNA on the CiNA deadline (January 31st).
11	Do you have the ability to review the NAACCR Prep configuration to see what data items are being output?	After the webinar, we updated NAACCR*Prep to allow this. Details are included in the updated NAACCR*Prep slides.
12	Maiden Name is now Name Birth Surname :)	We will get that update in the instructions. Thank you!

13	If you are a SEER*DMS registry, which option should I use for the Non-standard fields? User dictionary or csv file?	It would be included as a non-standard file. However, it is our understanding that IMS can do all of this for the SEER*DMS registries. That might be the easiest way to go. IMS can create the proper output and data dictionary--so if you run NAACCR*Prep yourself. you will just need to point to the location of your dictionary file. Alternatively, IMS can create and submit your entire file.
14	Regarding Step 4 - Data-Assurance-Agreement. Is it possible to get a non-watermark version of this document as early as possible for those states that need extra time before the November 1 portal opening date?	Yes, we can get you what you need. Please send an email to rsherman@naaccr.org to get it all sorted properly.
15	Are the non-stardard data items required? If we do not use the NAACCR geocoder do we still need to include these items?	Regarding the geocoder variables, this is answered above Q3. Regarding the VPR non-standard variable (US Only), you may choose to submit or to do the manual effort of reviewing cases for reportability after each VPR match. So if you submit, you will save time in future.

16	MatchPro download link is not working, as of this morning. We have reported to NCI support team just now.	Resolved during webinar.
17	It makes our work very condensed and a lot of extra hours to take care of the edits as, per usual, the everyday edits do not match the CFD edits and we are left scrambling to fix.	Users are always welcome to test an early CFD edits file. The CFD Edits should align fairly well with standard edits, so there should not be anything arduous. We do test for this, however, so, again, welcome new testers.
18	What is a status archive in deduplication?	It's a file that stores manual review decisions from a previous linkage. The file contains a list of ID pairs and the match status of each pair.
19	Is there a recommendation on cutoff % criteria or is that already set with the configuration provided?	The cutoff is calculated dynamically by the software.
20	I just tried downloading the Match*Pro software and am getting an error message that "This page isn't working" and "seer.cancer.gov is currently unable to handle this request". Is anyone getting this error?	Resolved during webinar.
21	If we maintain an archive of non-matches (not from last year's CFD but	Yes.

	from routine de-duplication) can we apply that to the results?	
22	So this deduplicate protocol is looking for duplicate people. Our previous deduping was looking for duplicate cancers on the same person. Staff would then consolidate duplicate cancers	Our current Match*Pro resources only support patient deduplication. We will release an update for tumor level deduplication (hopefully in the Fall). Our current version needs to be adjusted to decrease the number of manually reviewed tumors (to reduce registry workload). We will have a webinar on this update early next year.
23	So we have no option but to use Match Pro even if we already have a deduplicate program?	If you run a deduplicate protocol, then Match*Pro is likely to find few pairs for review. But, yes, the new duplicate protocol is to use Match*Pro.
24	was the algorithm for match*pro run by tumor id or patient id? I seem to miss that detail when you were at the first tab...	For this year, patient ID. Subsequent years, we plan to do tumor level.
25	Last year, we had MP 1.6.5 with .mpr file extension. The new MP 2.2.3 has .mplc. Is there a way to apply status archive from .mpr file from last years deduplication ?	In version 1.6.5 you can use the Status Archive Manager (under the Tools menu) to export the data stored in the v1.6.5 archive to csv. Then, in version 2.X you can use the Status Archive Manager again to create a new status archive from an external file (the csv you just made). The new archive can then be used for deduplication.

26	can you export the match results to excel or a CSV? or can they only be viewed in match pro?	Yes, please see the "Export Data" button at the top of the manual review screen.
27	Will mentioned that we could use the status archive option this year to reduce what we have to review; however, I thought that Match*Pro 2 was not compatible with .mpr files?	Answered above Q25.
28	How do you export the match report pairs so you can provide it to your registrars for consolidation?	Answered above Q26.
29	What is the duplicate threshold for gold certification now? Is it just to complete the MatchPro protocol?	Please see Match*Pro section of presentation.
30	for penalty code and micromatch status, where will you provide more information about format of csv file.	These details are in the *General Instructions* on the Documents Tab. The csv file that is downloaded from the Geocoder is modified. If you geocode using an API, you will need to provide as non-standard variables. Both approaches are straightforward—although this is a new procedure.
31	For Match*Pro, once we consolidate the matches, should we rerun the	

	extract and do another run in Match*Pro so we won't have duplicates?	Yes, this is cleanest. We will also have you attest to the number of resolved pairs if you choose to not re-run.
32	Can you please explain where Penalty Code and Micro Match Status come from? Is it from the NAACCR geocoder or are they derived in NAACCR*Prep?	These come from the NAACCR Geocoder. Please review answer to Q3.
33	If we maintain an archive of non-matches (not from last year's CFD but from routine de-duplication) can we apply that to the results?	Yes.
34	Regarding MatchPro, it might be useful to be able to export this very nice looking match report with all fields included (colors not necessary) to a file for use by other people who have no access to MatchPro.	Noted.
35	I do this routinely using LinkPlus.	Please see Match*Pro section of presentation.
36	Any rough ETA on Tumor Dedup ? Will API have support for this in particular ? (great work on Match*Pro btw - we love it)	We anticipate this Fall with training at the beginning of the next year.

37	The download is working from the NAACCR website link	IMS was able to resolve during the webinar.
38	To double check... if we clear all the dups identified, then our calculation for duplicate rate for gold certification would record zero duplicates in the numerator?	Yes!
39	Asking on behalf of Jennifer Kachajian: Our registry does not use the NAACCR Geocoder and geocodes "in-house." Can you please address what happens with the NAACCR geocoding variables in this situation.	Answered above Q3.
40	We geocode daily. What happens if we do not store penalty code?	Answered above Q3 plus we encourage you to store penalty code. This will enable the registry to more efficiently conduct manual review of poor or ungeocodable cases. Registries can us the MI GeoCorrect Tool we have developed: https://www.naaccr.org/gis-resources/#1628088568386-06e9f528-0bf3 Training on this was offered last year on 8/3/21. Recording available in our NAACCR Talks section of the Education Portal.

41	Regarding Micro Match Status and Penalty Code, how do we incorporate these data items into the registry database if they are currently not data items in the database (like in CRS Plus)?	I assume you are not geocoding in CRS plus. So for now, when you upload and do the batch geocoding in the NAACCR Geocoder, you can maintain those csv files. Once they become NAACCR data items (hopefully v24), then it will be easier to upload and store in your system along with tract and the other details you already incorporate.
42	Do the Match*Pro instructions list which data fields are needed in the extract to run the dedup process?	Yes. We provide all the instructions needed to conduct the new duplicate protocol.
43	for the two new geocode variables, which years do these regard? All submitted 1995-2021 or just a specific year moving forward?	They should be appended to all geocoded cases, so all years. Please see the bottom of the excel spreadsheet *Certification and CiNA Data Items 2022* on Documents Tab for review of geocoding based on diagnosis years.
44	Will the QA answers be included as part of the materials to be sent out after the meeting?	Here they are.
45	when (approx) will recording of this presentaiton be available?	Uploaded last week, listserv email sent.
46	Since we are aiming for standardized methods for patient and tumor	Match*Pro can be run from the command line. There are no plans to develop an API at this time.

	deduplications. It would be nice to do this dynamically with our software. Is there any plans for an API for software to interface with?	
47	There is no way to store the geocoder fields in CRS Plus currently.	Most of the data exported from the geocoder is not currently stored but is available in the download csv files.
48	(Micro Match Status and Penalty Code).	Related to question above.
49	is it possible ot send an email when matchpro download starts working	IMS was able to resolve during the webinar.