

OCRA Newsletter



May 1, 2023
Spring/2nd Quarter

President's Message

Hello my fellow OCRA members!

I hope everyone is doing well and looking forward to Spring and some outdoor activities.

I need to start with the unfortunate news that due to unexpected circumstances, Bonnie Kubli has resigned from her role as President, so I am assuming my duty as President a year early. I am thanking my lucky stars that we have Shelley Lindsey onboard as our Past-President (a huge thank you, Shelley), Rebecca Berwager as Treasurer and Marsha Beal as Secretary.

We are actively recruiting an OCRA President-Elect for the remainder of 2023. If you are interested, please contact us. I (and Shelley) will be here to support you the rest of this year and as Past-President, I will be here to support you in 2024. There are many benefits to volunteering and supporting OCRA – please consider joining us. Remember, OCRA will send you to the NCRA Conference and next year is the 50th Anniversary of NCRA. Our goal is to preserve OCRA as a thriving, viable organization. We are committed to improving our profession and expertise through education and membership involvement. To successfully maintain this, we need the support of our members.



The OCRA Educational Workshop is back! and will be held at the Samaritan Center for Health Education, in beautiful Newport, Oregon. Please mark your calendars for **October 26-27, 2023!** The Education Committee has been working extremely hard to deliver an amazing Fall Workshop program. A huge thank you to the Education Committee: Nicole Davis, Rebecca Berwager, Monica Murray, Leela Coleman, Mary Woods, Seungyoo Hwang, and Melania Tolan-Hudson for all of their exceptional work to ensure a fantastic workshop.

The Education Committee held it's first of four scheduled regional meetups in March. I've heard it was a great meeting with excellent education. Attending the meetings is a great way to connect with other CTR's in our region. Please watch for the next meetup! The tentative dates are May 18th -Southern Oregon area, July 27th Portland area, September 15th - Central Oregon area.

NCRA plans to announce the new credential name in mid-2023 with an implementation date of January 1, 2024.

I look forward to hearing what our new credential name from NCRA is. I know I have been pleading (and complaining) to NCRA for years to update our credential name. I personally hope the word "analyst" was considered to accurately align with our ever changing/demanding scope of work and to help align us in an accurate pay scale.

I want to thank Ron Lamie for his endless support of OCRA and for all of his work on the OCRA website. We will provide an update regarding website changes at the Fall Workshop.

Please remember to contact Shelley Lindsay for OCRA Newsletter submissions. Shelley provides us with exceptional information in the Newsletter and looks forward to hearing from you.

Lastly, please email me if you have any thoughts on how we can better serve OCRA/our members. It's a privilege for me to serve in my role and to help each of you if I can.

Laura Wallace
2023 OCRA President



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Summer newsletter submission?
Email Shelley Lindsey at
shelley.lindsey@providence.org

Life Happens



Dear Friends,

Due to circumstances beyond my control, I find that I am unable to complete this year as your President. It has been a difficult decision to make, and I am not doing this without a lot of thought and prayer.

My elderly parents are suffering varying degrees of Alzheimer's disease and recently my dad fell and broke his hip. Neither is in good health and now require most of my free time. I feel that I need to put family first and that means I need to back out of many activities that I enjoy.

I have been an OCRA member since 1990 and value the organization and all it has to offer. I leave this position in the hands of a wonderful CTR, Laura Wallace. She will do a terrific job and I know the organization will thrive under her leadership.

I would like to encourage each of you to consider becoming more involved with OCRA and participating in a leadership role. Right now, there is a need for a person to run for President-Elect. Please think about this as an opportunity to learn and to help the organization grow and become even greater.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve and thank you to the Executive Committee for their understanding in this challenging time I am facing.

Bonnie Kubli

If life were predictable it would cease to be life, and be without flavor.

Eleanor Roosevelt

OCRA Committee Facts

Office of President—A three year commitment, only one of those year as acting President overseeing the OCRA EC.

Office of Secretary—A two year commitment of scheduling, minutes and keeping the pack on track.

Office of Treasurer—A two year commitment of OCRA financial duties like keeping statements in order, check writing, dues tracking, and reporting OCRA's financial standing to EC and membership.

Nominating Committee—Elected positions with a 1-year term.

Committees—The following is a list of active committees which are volunteer positions.

- Education Committee
- Welcome Committee
- Audit/Finance Committee
- By-Laws Committee
- Communications Committee

From Your 2023-2024 OCRA Treasurer

"My name is Rebecca L. Berwager and I am proud to be your new Treasurer! I have been an OCRA member since I was a student at Portland Community College in 2019, where I graduated with a degree in Health Information Management. Shortly thereafter, I began training in the Cancer Registry at Kaiser Permanente and obtained my CTR credential in July 2021. I currently work as the Stroke Data Registrar Lead for Legacy Health.



When I am not working, I like to stay busy dealing Blackjack and Craps at private parties, managing my Airbnb property in Washougal, Washington, and attending every single Portland Thorns and Portland Timbers home matches. I love to fish, travel, read, play board games and volunteer for various organizations. I am a Master Genealogist and love helping others research their lineage.

I currently reside in Vancouver, Washington with my husband and have four children, the youngest of which is 17 and a Senior in high school."



Oregon Cancer Registrar's Association

SAVE THE DATE!

OCTOBER 26-27, 2023

OCRA FALL WORKSHOP 2023

Workshop Location:
**Samaritan Center for Health Education
Newport, OR**



Come join us to connect and learn!
More details to follow

Education committee has been having fun planning your 2023 Education Workshop! This year's workshop will be held in **Newport on October 26-27th**.



Please come to Newport early and enjoy a fun "Sweet Reception" at the hosting hotel. Drinks provided by 2Towns and Rogue Brewery. Jim Hofferkamp will be sharing some great information for us, as will OSCaR, NAACCR and your fellow OCRA members! After our first day of learning, blow off some steam

by either glass blowing a beautiful piece of art made by you or by throwing axes with Oregon Axe Throwing! More information and sign ups to come soon! Registration for workshop will open up online at end of May.

Proposed Registration Fees:

Early Bird Registration before 8/31/23: \$100

Regular Registration 9/1/23-10/1/23: \$125

Late Registration on or after 10/2/23: \$150



Holiday Inn Express

Dear Participants of the Oregon Cancer Registrar's Association Conference arriving in Newport Oregon October 25-29, 2023:

Holiday Inn Express Newport is proud to host overnight accommodations for this event with reduced rate group sleeping rooms. We are located within easy walking/driving distance to all that Newport has to offer. All rooms are newly renovated and feature in room Refrigerators, Microwave, Keurig Coffee, Iron & Blow Dryer. Hotel is equipped with an indoor pool & spa, fitness center, coin op laundry & meeting space.

A block of reduced rate sleeping rooms has been reserved for participants attending this event. Rates are \$119.00 + tax* per room, per night for either a single king bed or two queen beds sleeping room. Rate does include a complimentary Full American Hot Buffet Breakfast served everyday 6:30am-10am for all overnight guests. *tax = 13.5%.





CIM Students Need You!

As the number of CIM Programs increase across the country, the need for student practicum opportunities increase as well. NCRA now offers virtual practicum, but we all know that in-person practicum remains one of the most valuable experiences for CIM students. If you are able to host a student in-house or virtually, please let us know. We are receiving a growing number of inquiries regarding this matter. Contact shelley.lindsey@providence.org.



Cancer registrars are data information specialists that capture a complete history, diagnosis, treatment, and health status for every cancer patient in the U.S. The curated data provides essential information to researchers, healthcare providers, and public health officials to better monitor and advance cancer treatments, conduct research, and improve cancer prevention and screening programs. Learn more about how to become a cancer registrar and how cancer registry data is used to improve public health.



Ronald McDonald House Charities® Oregon & SW Washington

Many OCRA Members have a connection to Ronald McDonald house and try to donate when possible. As the weather improves, you may find yourself traveling more. Feel free to keep those hotel shampoo, conditioner and soaps. We will collect them at our OCRA Education meeting in October and donate to Ronald McDonald House.

Did you know that Ronald McDonald House can take your "soda" tabs (from whatever you drink – pop, beer, cider, we won't judge)? If you are drinking from a can, save those tabs! We will collect them and donate to Ronald McDonald House (they recycle them for money).

Contact Nicole Davis or Martha Curl if you want to get your toiletries or tabs off your hands before October.

NCRA Annual Conference is Coming Soon!



Are you attending in person? Virtually? Please consider sharing what you learned, who you met, or pictures you take in the OCRA Summer Newsletter.



OCRA will pay up to \$3000.00 for the OCRA President to attend NCRA Annual Conference. Be the OCRA President-Elect (2024 President) and you could enjoy this benefit.

Member Spotlight

Melissa Chalker, CTR

Melissa Chalker started her CTR journey with her RHIT Certificate in Health Information Management and began her career in the Medical Records Department at St. Charles Medical Center in Bend. It was there that she met Maxine Hale, CTR, who encouraged Melissa to obtain her CTR. Melissa did just that. With Maxine as her mentor and studying all the resources available at the time, Melissa obtained her CTR in 1998. She worked within the registry at St. Charles with Maxine for many years before transitioning to a Utilization Management position. Melissa returned to the Cancer Registry, but since her CTR had lapsed, she decided to enroll in the AHIMA CRM Program and sat for the CTR exam once again in 2015. Melissa continues to work for St. Charles Health System.

Melissa is a member of AHIMA, NCRA and OCRA. She has served on the Nominating Committee for OCRA several times.

Melissa says, "Cancer registry has been a wonderful career path. The cancer registry field is unique in healthcare in that cancer registrars, members of NCRA/OCRA are well-connected groups that support each other. I have had the privilege of working with a great team at St. Charles and many amazing cancer registrars over the years and I am thankful to be part of such a wonderful group of professionals."



Melissa's life outside of work is very busy. She and her husband have five children (only one remains at home), one grandchild, aging parents, and two fur babies. When she isn't working, she and her family enjoy fishing, camping, hiking, and kayaking.

Thank you for returning! OCRA appreciates you.

Amanda Foster, CTR



Amanda Foster got her start in the cancer registry field when she and her husband decided to move west to be closer to family. She had been applying for jobs in Oregon. With a background working on oncology clinical trials, her recruiter asked if she was familiar with the CoC (she wasn't) and set up an interview for a Cancer Registry position she had not actually applied for, but in hindsight is glad she did. She calls it an unexpected blessing and a field well-suited to her background and strengths. Amanda sat for and passed the CTR Exam in 2016. She is currently the Cancer Registry Supervisor for Asante. "We have such a great group of CTRs in Oregon and at Asante."

Amanda has been a member of OCRA and NCRA since 2014. She has served on the Nominating Committee, Education Committee, and the Bylaws Committee.

Amanda and her husband have four children (7, 5, 3, and a 10-month-old), and one very old Jack Russell Terrier. Her husband stays home to keep the littles busy and provides the homeschooling. Amanda is grateful to be able to work from home while her children are little. Amanda also enjoys hiking, camping, cooking, baking, and homeschooling.

OCRA appreciates and values your membership, Amanda.

Member Spotlight

Carol Dana, CTR

After spending 23 years raising her eleven (yes, ELEVEN!) children, Carol Dana decided she needed to return to work. Once her youngest child was in school full-time, Carol took a career aptitude class at Portland Community College. Prior to motherhood, Carol had a business degree from Kinman Business University in Spokane, Washington, and worked in accounting. The PCC class pointed Carol towards accounting and healthcare management related fields. Since it seemed healthcare paid more and had more opportunity for growth, she opted for the AAS in Health Information Management, which she graduated from in 1994. While enrolled in school, she completed her practicum at Providence Portland Medical Center in the Cancer Registry. She felt the Cancer Registry was much more interesting than coding, AND there was an opening. She applied for the job and has been a member of the Providence Oregon Cancer Registry Team since. She passed her CTR exam in 1998. Twenty-nine years later and she still loves her job.



Carol has been a member of both NCRA and OCRA throughout her career. She has served OCRA as Treasurer, and been on Nominating Committee, Audit Committee, and the Education Committee. She received the OCRA Distinguished Member Award in 2015. She has had the opportunity to attend many NCRA Conferences with other members of the Providence Team including Washington DC, Palm Springs, Nashville, and Portland, to name a few. She was also able to attend the 1st Regional Meeting in Burbank, California, and continues to enjoy the Annual OCRA Workshops held each fall.

When she isn't working, Carol enjoys doing Color-By-Number and diamond art projects. Carol also likes to go antiquing, and collects various things like depression glass (vases, dishes, fairy lamps), figurines, teacups, trinket boxes, and has a large collection of crystals. She loves spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. At present, her 19th grandchild turned one on April 12th, and her 14th great-grandchild is due in August this year. She says, "It seems there is always a baby for me to love on, which of course, I love!"

Carol has also had the opportunity to enjoy some traveling over the years including a couple trips to Italy, Mexico, Hawaii, and Canada (where one of her children live). She also had the opportunity to enjoy an Alaskan cruise with her brother a few years ago. Each summer Carol also manages to spend a little bit of time in Montana visiting her brothers. She says, "It is always nice to go back home for at least a week every year." This summer, Carol will return to Montana for her 10th High School Reunion, again.

Thank you, Carol, for your continued support and contributions to our field.

Do you know somebody who has gone above and beyond within OCRA? Please consider nominating today!

The **OCRA Distinguished Member Award** is given annually to an outstanding OCRA member who has contributed to OCRA and/or the Cancer Registry profession in ways that have impacted others. A nomination form and a short essay are required and must be submitted to the OCRA Secretary no later than July 31st. Recipient will be kept secret until announcement at the OCRA Fall Workshop. See <https://www.ocra-oregon.org/resources/distinguished-member-awards/> for more information.

Member Spotlight

Jodi Phillips, CTR

Jodi Phillips relocated to Oregon in 1988 and started working for Sears. Becoming a displaced Sears employee in 1993 afforded her the opportunity to return to school. The aptitude testing steered her towards a Medical Records/HIM career. She spent her first year of school at Chemeketa Community College, and her second year at Portland Community College. It was during the second year she had a module in Tumor Registry and loved it. Having lost her mother to cancer in 1983, she requested her practicum be with a Tumor Registry. Jodi got the “wonderful chance” to work with Bev Battaglia and her group at Kaiser. Jodi was hooked! She held her RHIT until she became the Registry Supervisor and needed her CTR. She sat for the exam in 2009. She has now been in the field for 27 years. Jodi currently works for Salem Health (her one and only interview) and lives in Sublimity, Oregon.

Jodi has been a member of OCRA since 1995, and NCRA since obtaining her CTR in 2008. She has served on the Nominating Committee, Education Committee, and was President in 2005.

Jodi says, “Cancer Registry has been the best decision I ever made. I absolutely love what I do and the people I work with and all those I have had the pleasure to meet along the way. I enjoy teaching about our field and have had the opportunity to train our last 3 abstractors we hired. All 3 were home grown in house. And no matter how long I have been doing this, I still say I learn something new every day!”



In her spare time, Jodi and her husband, Tim, love spending time with 11-month-old granddaughter, Tori, “the light of our lives”. She also enjoys spending time with family and friends, painting, ceramics, camping in their new travel trailer, cards, and playing with their dogs.

Thank you, Jodi, for your continued commitment and support of OCRA!

Janice Wheeler, CTR

Janice Wheeler was working in a clinic, but wanting a parttime job so she could spend more time at home with her son. A nurse she worked with knew of an opening in the Cancer Registry for a 20 hour/week position. This is where her registry journey began. Janice sat for her exam in 2006. She has now been in the field for 25 years and works remotely fulltime for Providence Health and Services Oregon.

Janice has maintained memberships with WSTRA, NCRA and OCRA. She was a member of WSTRA for 23 years, has been a member of NCRA for 17 years, and joined OCRA last year. She was elected to the OCRA Nominating Committee for 2023.



Janice’s hobbies include yardwork, gardening, and sewing. She sewed some clothes and many Halloween costumes over the years. The picture is Janice and the 2nd quilt she made. She also enjoys participating in or watching most athletic competitions.

Janice has spent most of her life in Washington State, mainly western Washington, but says the first time she was truly sick and tired of rain was in 1988 when she spent two weeks in Japan during typhoon season. She was there hoping to climb Mt. Fuji when a typhoon hit the southern end of Japan. “It was raining so hard that the group I was with couldn’t even see where the trail was, so another hiker and I decided it was time to go back down the mountain.”

Welcome to OCRA, Janice. We look forward to seeing your volunteerism evolve.



2023 CCRA ANNUAL EDUCATION MEETING

Check back soon for more details.

<https://ccraregistrars.org/annualmeeting/register/>

ACS CAnswer

<https://cancerbulletin.facs.org/forums/CAnswerForumHome>



National Comprehensive
Cancer Network®

<https://www.nccn.org/guidelines>



- **Active - \$105:** An individual whose primary occupation is related to cancer registry work
- **Associate - \$90:** An individual interested in the purpose of the association, but does not meet the qualifications of active membership
- **Inactive - \$50:** An individual who previously qualified as an active member, but is no longer in the workforce or cancer registry field
- **Sustaining - \$200:** Individuals, institutions or organizations interested in promoting the principles and purposes of NCRA
- **Student - \$40:** An individual who is enrolled full- or part-time in a college-level curriculum and is interested in NCRA's purpose
- **International - \$65:** An individual who is not a resident of North America

CTR Exam

Testing Dates and Deadlines

March 31 - April 22, 2023; application deadline: March 24

June 30 - July 22, 2023; application deadline: June 23

October 13 - November 4, 2023; application deadline: October 6

Hospital Registrar Mentoring Program

Find a Mentor

Your decision to request an NCRA Mentor to assist with your professional growth as a cancer registrar is important! Carefully read the FAQs listed below, then complete the online form to [request a Hospital Registry Mentor](#). NCRA's Mentoring Committee will work to assign you a mentor. NCRA cannot guarantee a mentor will be identified for all mentee applicants.

<https://www.ncra-usa.org/Education/Mentoring-Program>

Become a Mentor

NCRA Mentors share wisdom and knowledge gained through professional experience to inspire others to advance in the cancer registry field. Carefully read the FAQs listed below to better understand the responsibilities and the process, then complete the online form to [register as a Hospital Registry Mentor](#). NCRA's Mentoring Committee will work with you to find the right mentee.

IMPORTANT! OSCAR CALL FOR CASES

August 25, 2023 is the cutoff date to submit 2021-2022 cases for inclusion in the NPCR/CDC Call for Data. 2021 cases remain the highest priority. Cases may be submitted after the cutoff date but will be held by OSCAR until after the call process has been completed.

All of the following topics can be found on the OCRA website and in the most current version of the OCRA By-laws.

The **Michele Henson Memorial Scholarship Award** provides reimbursement for the cost of successfully passing the CTR exam. OCRA awards two recipients each year at the OCRA Fall Workshop or General Business Meeting. To apply for this scholarship, applicants must

- Be a member of OCRA in good standing
- Must be eligible to sit for the exam
- Complete and submit the required application paperwork before August 31st
- Not eligible for any other reimbursement

See <https://www.ocra-oregon.org/resources/michele-henson-memorial-scholarship-fund/> for more information about this scholarship.

The **April Fritz Memorial Scholarship Award** provides the cost of the registration fee for the OCRA Fall Workshop. This award is given to one individual once a year. This award can only be received once in a members lifetime. To apply for this scholarship, applicant must

- Be a member in good standing
- Not receive funding from another source
- Submit application to the OCRA Treasurer before the last scheduled EC Meeting prior to the Fall Workshop

See <https://www.ocra-oregon.org/resources/workshops/> for more information.



OCRA also has a **New CTR Recognition Award**. New CTR's who are current members of OCRA in good standing receive a \$25.00 check for their achievement. No application is required, just notify a member of the OCRA EC of your achievement.



April	May	June
Tatyana Bodnar Teresa Taylor	Amanda Foster Jennifer Johnson Wendy Pearce Mary Woods	Rebecca Berwager Alesha Easley Lori Lucente Laura Myers Janice Wheeler

Site-Specific Data Item (SSDI) Manual

Effective with Cases Diagnosed 1/1/2018 and Forward

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00480: Breast (2018+)	3826: Estrogen Receptor Percent Positive or Range	2018+
	3827: Estrogen Receptor Summary	2018+
	3828: Estrogen Receptor Total Allred Score	2018-2022
	3914: Progesterone Receptor Percent Positive or Range	2018+
	3915: Progesterone Receptor Summary	2018+
	3916: Progesterone Total Allred Score	2018-2022
	3850: HER2 IHC Summary	2018-2020
	3851: HER2 ISH Dual Probe Copy Number	2018-2020
	3852: HER2 ISH Dual Probe Ratio	2018-2020
	3853: HER2 ISH Single Probe Copy Number	2018-2020
	3854: HER2 ISH Summary	2018-2020
	3855: HER2 Overall Summary	2018+
	3894: Multigene Signature Method	2018+
	3895: Multigene Signature Results	2018+
	3903: Oncotype Dx Recurrence Score-DCIS	2018+
	3904: Oncotype Dx Recurrence Score-Invasive	2018+
	3905: Oncotype Dx Risk Level-DCIS	2018+
	3906: Oncotype Dx Risk Level-Invasive	2018+
	3863: Ki-67	2018+
	3882: LN Positive Axillary Level I-II	2018+
	3922: Response to Neoadjuvant Therapy	2018+



Understanding the CRM?

Definition

The CRM, also referred to as the radial margin or the mesenteric resection margin, is the measurement of the distance from the deepest invasion of the tumor to the margin of resection in the retroperitoneum or mesentery. In other words, the CRM is the width of the surgical margin at the deepest part of the tumor in an area of the large intestine or rectum without serosa (non-peritonealized rectum below the peritoneal reflection) or only partly covered by serosa (upper rectum, posterior aspects of ascending and descending colon).

For segments of the colon completely encased by peritoneum, the mesenteric resection margin is the only relevant circumferential margin.

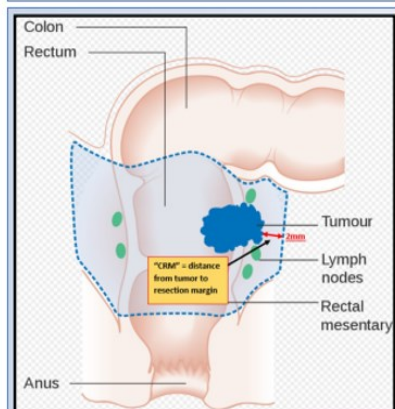
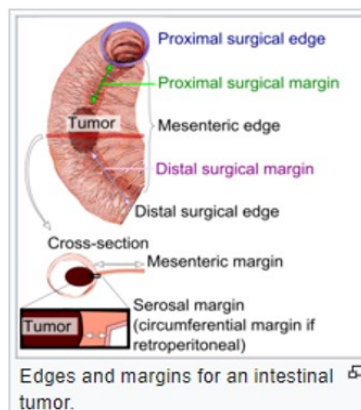
The CRM is not the same as the distance to the proximal and distal margins of the colon specimen. For rectal cancers, the circumferential resection margin is the most important predictor of local-regional recurrence.

Note 3: The following guidelines were developed for the coding of surgery codes in relation to CRM. These guidelines were confirmed by the CAP Cancer Committee.

- For Colon primaries, surgery of primary site must be coded as 30-80
 - If surgery of primary site is 00-29, then CRM must be coded as XX.7 **C180, C182-C189, C19.0**
- For Rectal primaries, surgery of primary site must be coded as 27, 30-80
 - If surgery of primary site is 00-26 or 28, then CRM must be coded as XX.7 **C20.9**

Note 5: The CRM may be referred to as

- Circumferential radial margin
- Circumferential resection margin
- Mesenteric (mesocolon) (mesorectal) margin
- Radial margin
- Soft tissue margin



Primary Site Coding

Coding primary site seems simple enough, but did you know the STM refers you to the SEER Manual Appendix C for accurate coding including the priority order of documents as well as many other helpful notes? Check it out.

Breast Equivalent Terms and Definitions
C500-C506, C508-C509
(Excludes lymphoma and leukemia M9590-M9993 and Kaposi sarcoma M9140)

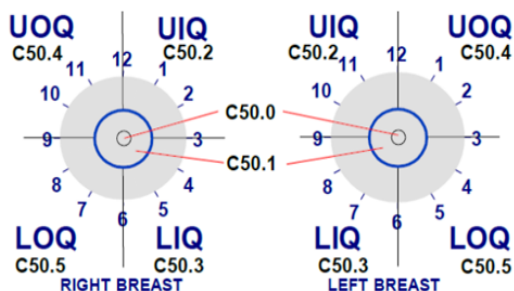
Table 1: Primary Site Codes

Table 1 contains terms used in mammograms, clinical diagnosis, and less frequently the operative and pathology reports to describe the location of the tumor. Find the term in Column 1 and use the site code in Column 2.

Note: See the "clock" diagram at the end of the Equivalent Terms and Definitions for a graphic of the o'clock designations and corresponding quadrants/subsites of the breast.

Refer to the SEER Manual and COC Manual for a priority list for using documents such as mammograms, operative reports, and pathology reports to determine the tumor location.

O'Clock Positions and Codes Quadrants of Breasts



Appendix C: Coding Guidelines

Coding Subsites

Use the information from reports in the following priority order to code a subsite when there is conflicting information:

1. Operative report
2. Pathology report
3. Mammogram, ultrasound (ultrasound becoming more frequently used)
4. Physical examination

Code the subsite with the **invasive** tumor when the pathology report identifies invasive tumor in one subsite and in situ tumor in a different subsite or subsites.

Code the specific quadrant for multifocal tumors all within one quadrant

- Do not code C509 (Breast, NOS) in this situation

Code the primary site to C508 when

- There is a single tumor in two or more subsites and the subsite in which the tumor originated is unknown
- There is a single tumor located at the 12, 3, 6, or 9 o'clock position on the breast

Code the primary site to C509 when

- There are multiple tumors (two or more) in at least two quadrants of the breast
- There are multiple tumors (two or more) located together at the 12, 3, 6, or 9 o'clock position on the breast

Generally, codes C502 - C505 are preferred over C501. C501 is preferred over C508. Apply these general guidelines when there is no other way to determine the subsite using the available medical documentation.

Laterality

Laterality must be coded for all subsites.

Breast primary with positive nodes and no breast mass found: Code laterality to the side with the positive nodes.





Oregon Cancer Registrar's Association

Webmaster, Ron Lamie, is currently underway developing our new and improved OCRA website. If you cannot find what you are looking for, please contact any member of the Executive Committee for assistance.

Editor Comments: This is our newsletter, so your input is important. Only you can help me make it better! Please submit articles at least one week prior to the planned release date. Planned release dates for 2023 are as follows: 1st quarter 2/1/23; 2nd quarter 5/1/23; third quarter 8/1/23; 4th quarter 11/1/23. Thank you to those who have contributed to the content. Submissions? Email to Shelley Lindsey: shelley.lindsey@providence.org



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