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SUBJECT: Arizona Cancer Registry Coding Handbook includes the:
Commission on Cancer
Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards, Revised for 2011
Arizona Cancer Registry Supplement

The 2011 electronic version of the Arizona Cancer Registry Coding Handbook is completed! The Handbook includes the *Facility Oncology Registry Data Standards, (FORDS) Revised 2011* and the *Arizona Cancer Registry Supplement*. The *FORDS* was effective for cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2011. Please start using this new version for cases diagnosed in 2011. If you decide to print the document, we recommend you duplex print in order to maintain the correct pagination.

The newest documents included in the 2011 packet are:

- Arizona Cancer Registry Coding Handbook 2011 – FORDS 2011
- ADHS ACR Documentation of Labels & Notes 2011 (already inserted in the handbook)
- ADHS ACR Required Data Items 2011 Updated (updated with the new FORDS pages)
- ADHS ACR Index Guide 2011 (quick reference guide with page numbers)
- Appendix E NAACCR Recommended Abbreviations Listing
- Appendix F SEER Geocodes (from the *SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual, 2011*)
- Appendix G Race and Nationality Descriptions (from the *SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual, 2011*)
- Appendix H County Codes (from the *SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual, 2011*)

Information was previously distributed highlighting the changes to the handbook. In the handout *Supplement Documentation – Summary of Most Significant Changes and Requirements for 2011* an error was noted on page 2. Primary Surgeon is not a required data item for ACR.

We appreciate your patience, and, as always, you are more than welcome to contact any ACR staff member if you have questions.