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Dear Texas Cancer Reporters,

The Texas Cancer Registry staff thanks you for your patience while we finalized the 2021 cancer reporting requirements and necessary resources.

This letter outlines important information about changes to reporting requirements that go in to affect in 2021.

Timely Reporting Calendars

The 2020 and 2021 reporting calendars are available on our [Hospital Reporting webpage](#). Note that the 2020 calendar was updated a few months ago to allow more time to complete cases due to delays related to COVID-19.

Data Item Updates

Beginning with cases diagnosed January 1, 2021, the TCR will no longer collect the following Non-NAACCR Standard Items: Height (#9960), Weight(#9961), Tobacco Use Cigarettes (#9965), Use Other Smoke (#9966), Use Smokeless (#9967), Tobacco Use NOS (#9968), and Name- Maiden (#2390).

TCR continues to require TNM data items for analytical cases from facilities accredited by the American College of Surgeons. For facilities that are not ACoS accredited, TNM data items are still not required.

Listed below are additional data items required for cases diagnosed beginning January 1, 2021.

- NAACCR Data item #1068 — Grade Post Therapy Clinical (yc)
- NAACCR Data item #2117 — Schema ID Version Current
- NAACCR Data item #2118 — Schema ID Version Original
- NAACCR Data item #2158 — AJCC Cancer Surveillance API Version current derived
- NAACCR Data item #2159 — AJCC Cancer Surveillance API Version original derived
- NAACCR Data item #2232 — Name- Birth Surname
- NAACCR Data item #2315 — Medicare Beneficiary Identifier
- NAACCR Data item #3838 — Gleason Patterns Clinical
- NAACCR Data item #3839 — Gleason Patterns Pathological
- NAACCR Data item #3840 — Gleason Score Clinical
- NAACCR Data item #3842 — Gleason Score Pathological

- NAACCR Data item #3842 — Gleason Tertiary Pattern
- NAACCR Data item #3845 — Grade Post Therapy Path (yp)
- NAACCR Data Item #3855 — HER2 Overall Summary
 - Additional schemas added
 - Esophagus Squamous (00161)
 - Esophagus (00169)
 - Stomach (00170)
- NAACCR Data item #3927 — Discriminator 2
 - Additional Schemas added
 - Soft Tissue Abdomen and Thoracic (00421)
 - Soft Tissue Trunk and Extremities (00410)
 - Soft Tissue Other (00450)

2021 Cancer Reporting Handbook

The upcoming 2021 Cancer Reporting Handbook will include TCR recent updates, newly required data items, data items no longer required, and detailed instructions including links to necessary reporting resources. TCR plans to release the 2021 Cancer Reporting Handbook in June 2021.

Version 21B Edits Metafile and Web Plus

Our Version 21B edits metafile is expected to be released in June 2021. An email will be sent to reporters and software vendors when the V21B edits metafile is posted on our [Commercial Software Submissions webpage](#).

We anticipate the Web Plus upgrade to NAACCR V21 will occur in June 2021. This date is subject to change depending on software availability and testing results. We will inform you by email and via our website when the V18 to V21 conversion is scheduled.

Reporters should submit all remaining 2019 and 2020 cases in NAACCR V18 prior to converting to NAACCR V21 XML. If you have already converted to V21, and your software allows you to create and submit V18 files, do so for all remaining 2020 and earlier cases. If not, submit any V21 cases as a Non-NAACCR file until we have converted to V21 in Web Plus.

Training Opportunities

TCR will provide training series on both V21 Web Plus and the 2021 Cancer Reporting Handbook and TCR requirements in the next few months. Click on the links below to register. The TCR training team will send an email to registered participants once the dates and times of the webinars are available.

- [V21 Web Plus](#)
- [2021 Cancer Reporting Handbook and TCR Requirements](#)

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If you are unable to attend these trainings or have questions, contact the TCR training team at tcr.training@dshs.texas.gov for additional opportunities.

Contact Us

If you have questions or concerns, contact your regional representative. Contact information is available on the [Contact TCR webpage](#).

Thank you for your continued efforts towards cancer reporting in Texas, and working to reduce the cancer burden both in Texas and the U.S.

Sincerely,

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