

## NAACCR Implementation Guidelines and Recommendations

- Developed in response to requested revisions from a broad set of constituents to maintain consistent data transmission standards among all hospital and central cancer registries and assure that they are implemented in a planned and timely manner
- Includes suggestions for implementing the any significant changes to the NAACCR record length and layout, specifically, the addition of certain data items, changes to and retirement of several data items
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<http://www.naaccr.org/StandardsandRegistryOperations/ImplementationGuidelines.aspx>

## NAACCR Data Standards and Data Dictionary, Volume II

- Includes clarification of descriptions, rationales and coding instructions for abstract data items, as well as, retired data items
- Document Scope:
  - **Reportability:** defines the rules for inclusion of specific types of tumors in the registry (see Chapter III)
  - **Data Items or Elements To Be Included:** some data items are required or recommended by particular standard setters while others are optional or are retained because they were abstracted in the past. Chapter VIII specifies the required status for each.
  - **Standardized Item Numbers and Item Names:** all abstracted data items are assigned both numbers and names. The item number is intended to be permanent and will not change in future NAACCR standards. When data items are deleted, the item numbers are retired and will never be reused for a different data item. Where possible, the NAACCR item name is the same as that used by the standard setter.
  - **Record Layout/Data Exchange:** identifies the position of the data item in a standard flat file data exchange record. These positions are indicated in Chapter VII.
  - **Codes:** identifies allowable values, their meanings, and data entry formats for data items. Chapters IX and X specify either the standard codes for each data item or the source for the codes.
  - **Coding Rules:** guidelines and interpretations for deciding the correct code for a given tumor and are defined in the documentation of other standard-setting organizations. For each data item, Chapters VIII and X list a "Source of Standard," and the documentation from this source should be consulted for coding rule standards.
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