

## New Jersey State Cancer Registry E-Tips August 2010



### **New Race Codes for Asian Indian & Pakistani**

Effective with 2010 diagnosed cases Code (09) Asian Indian, Pakistani is obsolete. Codes 15, 16 & 17 have been added. Code 16 is to be used for Asian Indian and Code 17 is to be used for Pakistani. Code 15 is to be used only when the patient is either Asian Indian or Pakistani but it cannot be determined which.

SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2010, pg. 33

### **Estimating the Year of Diagnosis**

A couple of years equals two years.

A few years equals three years.

Code the year of admission when there is no date specified and no information available to calculate one.

SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2010, pg. 52

### **Diagnostic Confirmation**

Suspicious cytology and/or positive tumor markers **alone** are not diagnostic of cancer and not reportable. There must be histologic, **positive** cytologic, or clinical confirmation for the case to be reportable.

SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2010, pg. 50 & 51

Please visit our web site at <http://www.state.nj.us/health/ces/cancer-rates.shtml>, New Jersey's official source for cancer statistics, **Cancer-Rates.Info/NJ**. Our web application provides cancer incidence and mortality data for New Jersey displayed in maps, tables, and graphs. Statewide and county-level cancer incidence data are now available by cancer site, gender, race, and ethnicity for our most recent years of data up through 2007. Similar data are available for cancer mortality up through 2006. Additionally, statewide age-specific incidence and mortality data are presented.