

New Variables Required for Collection by All Louisiana Hospitals

The following data items must be collected for cases diagnosed in 2011 and after:

General Coding Instructions:

- Record height & weight listed at or around the time of diagnosis
- If no height and/or weight was listed when cancer was diagnosed, use the height/weight recorded on the date closest to diagnosis, but before treatment was started.

Height Coding Guidelines: (please refer to Reference Guide Converting Feet to Inches)

- Code in inches (1 foot = 12 inches).
- Enter as a 2-digit number.
- Code “98” for 98 inches or greater ($\geq 8'2$ ”).
- Code “99” for unknown height.
- All inch values should be rounded to the nearest whole number.
 - Ex: 62.4 inches would be coded as 62; 62.5 inches would be coded as 63.

Weight Coding Guidelines:

- Code in pounds (1 kg = 2.2 pounds).
- Enter as a 3-digit number.
- Code “999” for unknown weight.
- All pound values should be rounded to the nearest whole number.
 - Ex: 155.5 pounds would be coded as 156
- If a patient weighs less than 100 pounds, record weight with a leading zero.
 - Ex: 98.2 pounds would be coded as 098; 79.7 pounds would be coded as 080.

Tobacco Use Variables:

- Four data items for coding patient’s past or current tobacco use:
 - Cigarette
 - Other smoking products: Pipes, cigars, kreteks (made with a blend of tobacco, cloves and other flavors)
 - Smokeless tobacco products: Chewing tobacco, snuff, etc.
 - Tobacco NOS
- Coding schema:
 - 0 Never used
 - 1 Current user (as of date of diagnosis)
 - 2 Former user, quit within one year of the date of diagnosis
 - 3 Former user, quit more than one year before the date of diagnosis
 - 4 Former user, unknown when quit
 - 9 Unknown/not stated/no smoking specifics provided

- If only "No" is documented in the medical record, code 9. Do not code 0 (Never used).
- If "None" is documented in the medical record, then code 0 (Never used).

Source of Comorbidity Information:

- Coding schema for hospital registries:
 - 0 No comorbid condition or complication identified / Not Applicable
 - 1 Collected from facility face sheet
 - 9 Other source