

APPENDIX C

BREAST CANCER PROFILE EXPLAINING ER/PR/HER2 PROGNOSTIC FACTORS

SEER PROGRAM CODING AND STAGING MANUAL 2015 LINK TO CODING GUIDELINES FOR SPECIFIED SITES

GLOSSARY OF COMMON TERMS

NEW – 2015 NAACCR RECOMMENDED STANDARD ABBREVIATIONS – NEW
NAACCR Recommended Abbreviations consist of two main lists of almost 500 terms and their recommended abbreviations, as well as a special table delineating context-sensitive* abbreviations.

ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL ORDERED BY TERM/WORD TERM/WORD ORDERED BY ABBREVIATION/SYMBOL CONTEXT-SENSITIVE* ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations often are used by cancer abstractors to shorten the written narratives entered into text fields. However, abbreviations can generate confusion, because abbreviations may vary among different institutions and even between different specialties within the same institution. To be useful, an abbreviation must be clearly understood by any individual who encounters it. Consequently, the use of abbreviations is a useful abstracting practice only if universally recognized abbreviations are used.

These lists are to be used as a primary reference by the cancer abstractor, to help abstract necessary information into a limited number of text fields for storage and transmission of cancer information. Terms included in the lists are limited to those that are commonly utilized when abstracting cancer information.

When abstracting into text fields, the use of abbreviations should be limited to those that appear on these lists whenever practical. Listings are not exhaustive, but the most commonly used terms were included.

***Context-sensitive abbreviations consist of a subset of abbreviations from the main lists where a different context for the same abbreviation conveys a different meaning (i.e. CA may mean calcium or carcinoma/ML may mean milliliter or middle lobe). For context-sensitive abbreviations, the meaning of the abbreviation should be readily apparent from the context in which it is used.**

Please note that although abbreviations are presented in uppercase, either upper- or lowercase may be utilized when entering abbreviations within abstraction software.

The listings were compiled from abbreviation lists from SEER Book 3, the NAACCR Pathology Committee, the Veterans Administration, Dr. Jay Piccirillo's comorbid conditions training materials, the Florida Cancer Data System, and the California Cancer Registry.