

APPENDIX C

GLOSSARY OF COMMON TERMS

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NAACCR RECOMMENDED ABBREVIATIONS FOR ABSTRACTORS

NAACCR Recommended Abbreviations consist of almost 500 terms with recommended abbreviations.

The lists are a copy of NAACCR Volume II Data Standards and Data Dictionary – Appendix G

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.

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.