

SEER*Educate Announcement
Coding Drills for Dx Year 2018 Histologies
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It takes three to code histology these days!

The guidelines for coding histology for diagnosis year 2018 forward are so much more challenging than back in the day when we coded from looking up the terms in the ICD-O-1 or ICD-O-2 manual. Now we have guidelines as part of the Solid Tumor Rules (STR) Manual that need to be used along with the ICD-O-3 Update Table and the ICD-O-3 Manual to code histology.

How do we know we are applying those STR correctly? For August 30th, we have released 110 coding exercises on primary site, histology, and behavior.

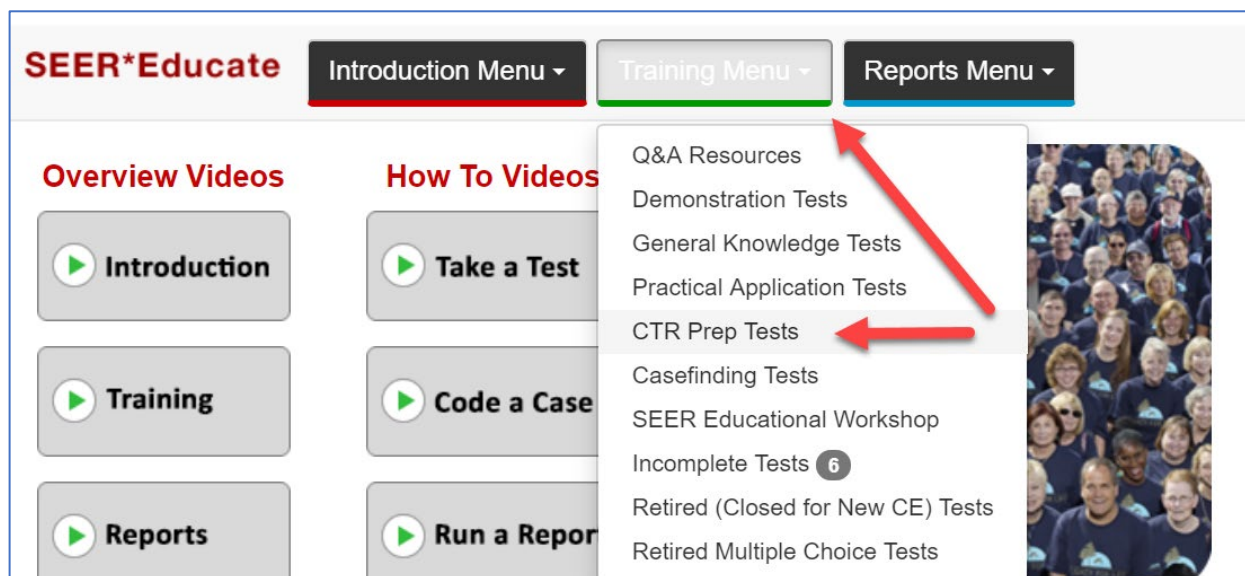
- Breast (20 cases)
- Colon, Rectosigmoid, and Rectum (10 cases)
- Cutaneous Melanoma (10 cases)
- Head & Neck (10 cases)
- Kidney (10 cases)
- Lung (20 cases)
- Malignant CNS and Peripheral Nerves (10 cases)

- Non-Malignant CNS (10 cases)
- Urinary (10 cases)

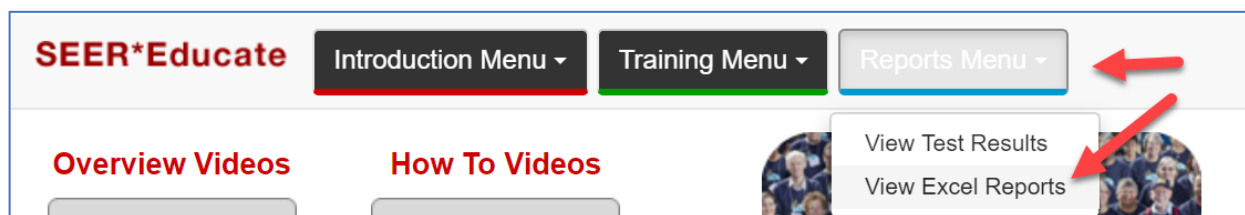
Although these coding drills do not qualify for CEs from NCRA, these exercises benefit experienced registrars as well as those studying for the CTR exam. All the staff at the Seattle Puget-Sound SEER registry (from newest person to the most experienced) complete the coding drills. This allows us to know if we are all on the same page when it comes to applying the coding guidelines released by the standard setters.

This batch of 110 exercises represents our first release. In the upcoming 12 months, we will release additional batches.

Where do I find them? Under Training Menu, CTR Prep Tests



Is there a report? Under Reports, View Excel Reports



Expand the Coding Trend Analysis bar and look for the CTR Prep – Coding Drill – Dx 2018 Histology (Solid Tumors) report.

This report will display your performance by data item (primary site, histology, and behavior) across each set of cases.

The screenshot shows a user interface with a blue header bar containing a plus sign and the text '+ CE Reports'. Below this is a sub-header bar with a minus sign and the text '- Coding Trend Analysis'. Underneath, there is a list of nine items, each in a light blue box with a plus sign on the left. The items are: 'Retired (Closed for New CE) - Dx 2015 CSv02.05', 'Practical Application - Dx 2018 Heme', 'Practical Application - Dx 2018 Solid Tumor Rules', 'Practical Application - Dx 2016-2017 AJCC TNM 7th Ed', 'Practical Application - Dx 2018 SSDI', 'CTR Prep - Coding Drill - Surgery', 'CTR Prep - Coding Drill - Histology (Heme and Lymphoid)', 'CTR Prep - Coding Drill - Dx 2018 Histology (Solid Tumors)', and 'Practical Application - Dx 2018 Grade'. A red arrow points to the eighth item, 'CTR Prep - Coding Drill - Dx 2018 Histology (Solid Tumors)'.

These exercises do not have CEs, but they are great practice.

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