

SEER*Educate Announcement

145 More Why More?

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

Other Sites, which includes a large number of different primary sites, is the final site group covered in the Solid Tumor Rules (STR) training series. This group required a corresponding large number of exercises (100) to test one's knowledge of applying the histology coding rules for these primary sites.

SEER also requested that we provide a set of exercises to code primary site/histology for pathology reports where the biopsy is of a metastatic site because SEER receives a large volume of questions via **Ask a SEER Registrar** on how to code primary site for these cases. This is a particularly challenging concept for newer registrars.

Both Other Sites and Metastatic Sites provide practice for trainees and for people studying for the CTR exam.

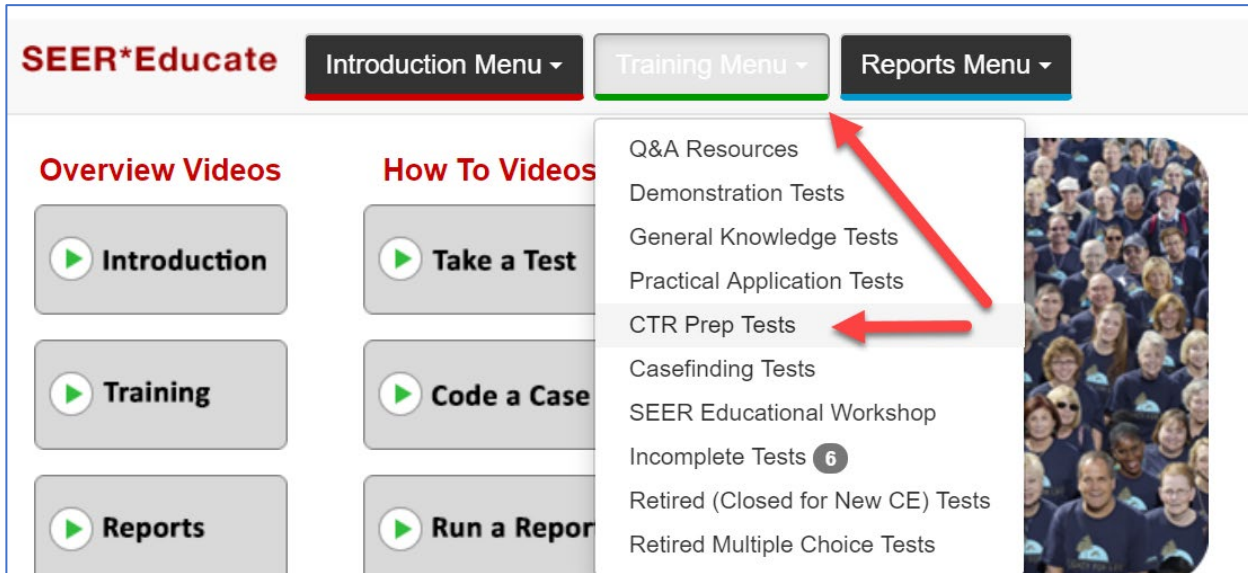
Registrars can choose to do any combination of exercises in SEER*Educate to increase their skills for their specific responsibilities. Some registrars may choose to complete five cases per site group, including other and metastatic, to cover all the site groups, or if you are primarily responsible for doing all the breast cases at your registry, you might want to complete all 40 breast cases. Either way, SEER*Educate offers plenty of practice for you.

Table 1: Release Schedule for Dx Year 2018 Histology Drills

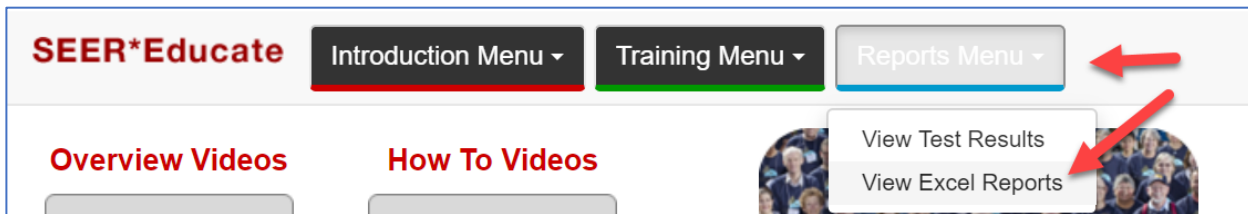
Site	Released Aug 30th (110)	Released Oct 14th (150)	Released Nov 18th (145)	Planned for mid-December release (105)
Breast	20	20		
Colon, Rectosigmoid, and Rectum	10	10		
Cutaneous Melanoma	10	5		
Head & Neck	10	20		5
Kidney	10	20		
Lung	20	25		
Malignant CNS and Peripheral Nerves	10	20		
Non-Malignant CNS	10	20		
Urinary	10	10		
Other Sites			100	
Metastatic Sites			45	
Heme and Lymphoid				100

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, doing one group of five exercises per day. 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. Many registry schedules do not have the available training time for one group of five exercises per day, but one group per week over 50 weeks does add up to a lot of histology coding practice over the course of a year.

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.

+ CE Reports

- Coding Trend Analysis

+ 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)



+ Practical Application - Dx 2018 Grade

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

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