

SEER*Educate Announcement

Heme Histology Coding

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Coding Drills for Dx Year 2018 Histologies Released December 17, 2019

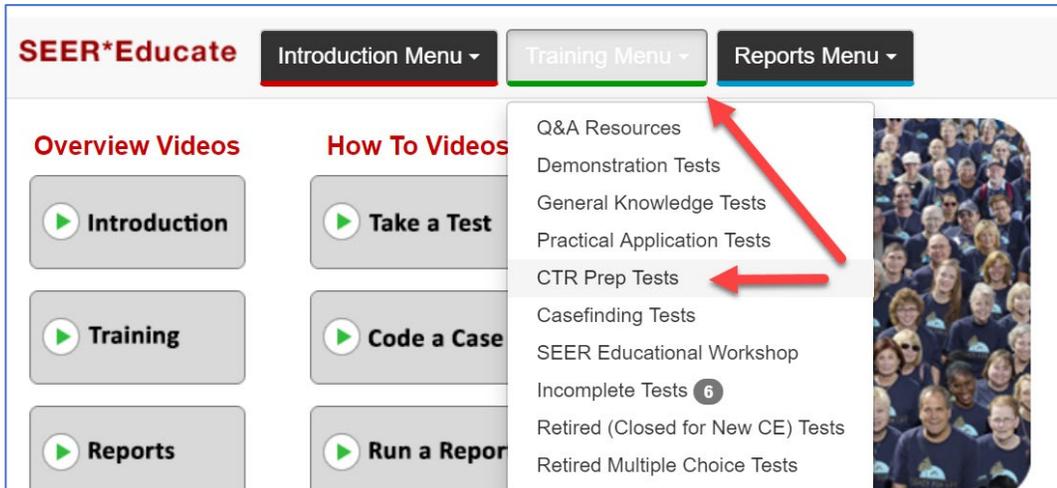
Making sense of all the genetic abnormalities, mutations, and rearrangements involving the hematopoietic and lymphoid neoplasms is challenging but necessary in order to correctly code histology for these case types. Learning how to translate a cytogenetic location is critical. We've provided a mnemonic (**CARBS**) to help you remember how to interpret the position of gene abnormalities/mutations described in the reports you review.

If that wasn't challenging enough, we need to also learn to recognize the different ways pathologists and clinicians refer to the same abnormality, so we do not inadvertently overlook provided documentation that impacts histology coding. To top off the list of major challenges involved with coding these cases, there is the issue of learning to handle the heme/lymphoid neoplasms associated with multiple genetic abnormalities especially when not all of them are listed in the Heme Database.

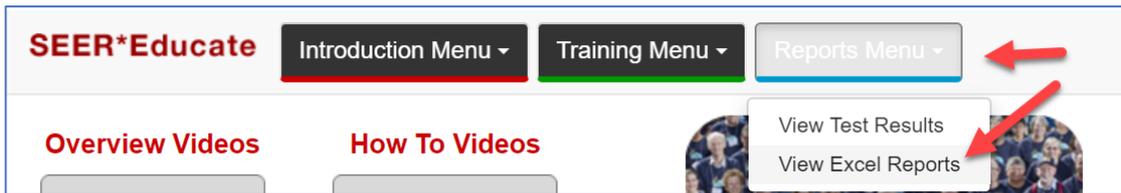
Today, the SEER*Educate team released 120 practice cases and an **Introduction to Genetic Nomenclature** reference document, which is a brief introduction to some of the nomenclature, genetic alterations and molecular information needed to successfully code histology for the 2018 Histology (Heme and Lymphoid) drills. This reference document is available under Resources on the Test Information and Instruction Page.

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

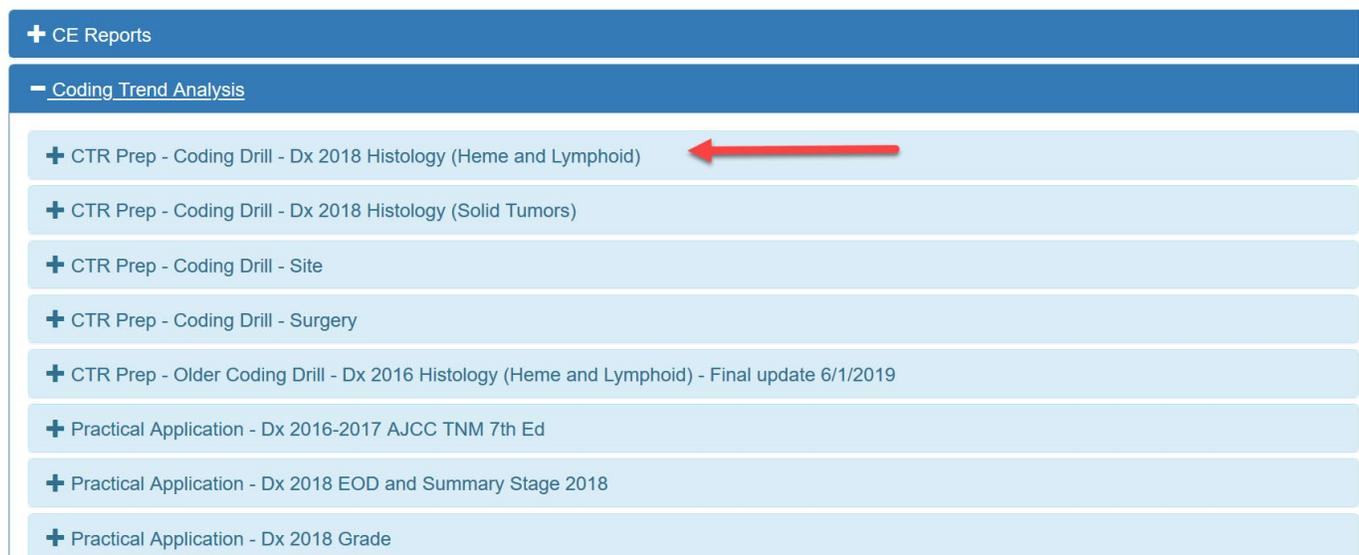


Is there a report? Under Reports, View Excel Reports



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

This report will display your performance by histology across each set of cases.



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

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