

The Michigan Basic Cancer Pathology Lexicon Project

What Can Your Organization Do to Further Pathology Reporting Practices in Michigan?



Project Goals

- To standardize and improve surgical pathology reporting practices within Michigan laboratory facilities
- To encourage more complete and uniform pathology reporting between laboratory facilities
- Subsequently lead to the collection of data that will enable physicians to make :
 - More accurate and consistent reporting of pathology specimens
 - More accurate diagnoses
 - Better informed cancer treatment decisions

Project Description

- Synoptic lexicon templates were compiled and reviewed by members of the MCC Basic Lexicon Workgroup
- Synoptic templates include data elements for all major cancer sites and specimens
 - Based on key elements currently in use for gross, microscopic, and histochemical reporting of pathology exams on all common cancers
 - Includes all scientifically mandated data elements required by the College of American Pathologists, American Joint Commission on Cancer, and the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer
- All synoptic templates were approved by the MCC Board of Directors in September of 2005
- Approved templates are reviewed and updated annually to ensure compliance with the College of American Pathologists guidelines

Project Outcomes

What can you and your organization do?

- View/Download the MCC Lexicon at:
 - www.michigancancer.org/ourpriorities/StandardizedLexicons_InformationForProviders.cfm
- Promote the use of the MCC Basic Lexicon or any other suitable synoptic template among your colleagues
- Participate in efforts to evaluate the use of standardized reporting and its potential impact on quality care
- Use the MCC Basic Lexicon as a basis to better estimate specific cancer care costs

Project Endorsements

The Basic Lexicon templates have been endorsed by:

- The Michigan Cancer Registrars Association
- The Michigan Society of Hematology and Oncology
- The Michigan Cancer Consortium
- The Michigan Society of Pathologists

Access to the MCC Basic Lexicon Templates

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