

Data Quality The 5Ws and an H Complete Q & A

- Q. Curious how others grade and track AJCC staging quality. If one element is incorrect, do you mark AJCC staging as incorrect, or do you break it down for each Clin/Path TNM and Stage Group field?
 - A. Most facilities track this as one element due to the way it is outlined by the CoC. Therefore, if T is incorrect then it will count as one case that has incorrect staging. It is still important to document the specifics of the errors so that the team can look for trends and note educational opportunities.
- Q. Can quality checks on class of case like the example shown be built into the "canned reports"?
 - A. ERS is currently working on an upgrade to the reporting module. Elements like this were considered. Due to these fields being part of a much larger data report review for most facilities, it was decided that a canned report should not be created. Each facility customizes their data reports to their facility needs and the primary site they will review. As such canned reports aren't the best fit for these reviews.

Of note, facilities can create a List for Population that is saved and can be used each time they want to do these reviews. This will function like a canned report but with the individual facilities' customizations.

- Q. Can our facility create customized edit sets to look for things such as class of case errors?
 - A. Unfortunately, at this time EditWriter (an outside software not belonging to ERS) doesn't have the ability for facilities to create their own metafiles. As such, this is not currently available. We encourage suggestions such as these to be sent to the CoC and NAACCR for consideration in the future.