



# CRStar Insights

## AJCC Basis & Impact on Reports

Coding AJCC Basis in CRStar signals the system which staging algorithm takes precedence in the reports created in CRStar and when utilizing field index number 568 (Summary AJCC Stage Group) in various reports. This field is not transmitted to standard setters and the System Admin can set the color of this field as desired. If assistance is needed with color coding, please open a support ticket. See table below for further details.

The example below demonstrates the output in various reports based on AJCC Basis coded value.

The screenshot shows the 'Staging' configuration page with 'Site-Specific Data Items' selected. The 'AJCC Basis' dropdown is set to 'P'. Below it, a search window for 'Ajcc Basis' is open, showing a list of codes and descriptions:

Code	Description
A	Autopsy Classification
C	Clinical Classification
P	Pathological Classification
R	Retreatment Classification
Y	Classification Performed During or After Initial Multimodality Therapy

Site Code	Ajcc Stage Basis	AJCC TNM Clin Stage Group	AJCC TNM Path Stage Group	Summary Ajcc Stage Group (#568)	Canned Site Distribution Report
50	C	1A	2B	1A	1A
50	P	1A	2B	2B	2B
50	Blank	1A	2B	BLANK	UNKNOWN

**If clarification is needed as to which AJCC basis should be chosen, please see the AJCC Manual 8<sup>th</sup> Edition, on page 6.  
Below is a brief explanation of each basis listed in CRStar.**

C – Clinical Staging is the most complete and best staging information I have for this case and the clinical stage group is how this patient should be counted in studies that use AJCC Summary Stage Group.

P – Pathologic Staging is the most complete and best staging information I have for this case and no neoadjuvant treatment was given. Pathologic stage is how this patient should be counted in studies that use AJCC Summary Stage Group.

R – Retreatment Classification - This code should be used very seldom, as it indicates that no complete staging is available as outlined in the rules for AJCC clinical or pathologic staging. Retreatment classification staging will NOT be included in reports of AJCC Summary Stage Group, and this case would be excluded.

A – Autopsy Classification - This code is also seldom used and indicates that no complete staging is available as outlined in the rules for AJCC clinical or pathologic staging. Autopsy classification staging will NOT be included in reports of AJCC Summary Stage Group, and this case would be excluded.

Y – Classification performed during or after initial multi-modality therapy - This code is seldom used and indicates that no complete staging is available as outlined in the rules for AJCC clinical or pathologic staging. Y classified cases will not be included in reports of AJCC Summary Stage Group, and this case would be excluded.

As outlined above, only cases with an AJCC Basis of C or P will be included in reports when using the field "Summary AJCC Stage Group," field #568. Users should be cautious when using an R, A, or Y for AJCC basis as this case will be excluded in any reports based on Summary AJCC Stage Group. In scenarios where a patient received neoadjuvant treatment and a clinical stage is available, AJCC Basis should be coded to a "C."

It is suggested to periodically QA the data to ensure blanks are not in the AJCC Basis field. The field number for AJCC Basis is #121. It can be used in selecting a population or in the various report tabs in CRStar.

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