

**SEER\*DMS Auto-Consolidation Work Group**  
**Teleconference Summary**  
**February 14, 2019**  
**2:00 to 2:30 p.m. EST**

Representatives from the NCI, IMS, the Scientific Consulting Group, Inc. (SCG), and 11 cancer registries participated in the SEER\*DMS Auto-Consolidation Workgroup (WG) conference call on February 14, 2019. Participants included:

**REGISTRIES:**

Alaska  
California Central  
Detroit  
Iowa  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
New Jersey  
New York  
Seattle  
Utah  
Minnesota

**NCI:** Peggy Adamo, Melissa Bruno, Lois Dickie,  
Marina Matatova

**IMS:** Suzanne Adams, Linda Coyle

**SCG:** Lorrie Fritz, rapporteur

**Westat:** Laura Lourenco

**Action Items**

Participants agreed to the following action items:

- All WG members should submit comments on the LVI document to IMS by March 7, 2019.
- IMS will have all its auto-consolidation rule action items in place for the next WG meeting on this topic.
- WG members agreed to submit concerns about SSDI fields by February 27, 2019 via a Squish issue.

**IMS Update**

The logic for the Lympho-Vascular Invasion (LVI) document was posted by Suzanne Adams on February 14, 2019 for member review. The document also is available in SEER\*DMS. Linda asked WG members to submit comments on the document by March 7, 2019.

IMS decided to prioritize Site Specific Data Item (SSDI) fields in response to concerns expressed by registries about new fields and the fact that registries are receiving incomplete abstracts for 2018 cases because of delays in updates to software for vendors. These are schema-specific fields that apply when the record agrees with the site and histology of the Cancer/Tumor/Case (CTC). Each field is treated as an individual field and there are no groupings. The rules for selecting a known value over an unknown value for SSDI fields were incorporated into version 19.17. While WG members are defining logic for new rules, IMS can implement known over unknown rules for a subset of fields.

**Discussion**

Participants generally agreed that IMS should proceed with implementation and deploying of known over unknown rules for SEER-required data items that were discussed previously. Linda clarified that SSDI fields are in production but IMS might work on other fields and to deploy those fields after notifying WG

members. She also clarified that treatment values are taken from each record for summarization. Each Treatment Procedure (TX) page is used to generate the summary.

WG members were asked to submit concerns about SSDI fields by February 27, 2019 via a Squish issue. Participants agreed that if the logic was confirmed for known over unknown rules, IMS could proceed with deploying those rules.

Discussion of Tumor Size Summary would occur at a later date.

### **Upcoming Auto-Consolidation Work Group Calls**

The next Auto-Consolidation WG call is scheduled for March 14, 2019. This meeting will focus on source record validation. Subsequent meetings will alternate between focusing on auto-consolidation rules and source record validation.

The WG call scheduled for April 11, 2019 will be rescheduled or canceled because it conflicts with the SEER Principal Investigators and Managers Meeting.