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MEMO TO: SEER Program participants  
All parties interested in SEER rules and guidelines

FROM: SEER Program Central Office Staff

SUBJECT: **ERRATA AND CORRECTIONS TO 1998 SEER PUBLICATIONS**

Now that the *SEER Program Code Manual, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition* and the *SEER Extent of Disease 1988, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition* have been in effect for a year, it is important to report some errata that have been identified in these documents. These points were discussed at the 1/15/99 Uniform Data Standards Committee conference call. The corrections should take place immediately and are retroactive to cases diagnosed January 1, 1998 and after.

This memo has been formatted to allow you to attach these errata to the appropriate places in the manuals.

1. In the **SEER Geocodes section of the SEER Program Code Manual** (page B-4), Falkland Islands was inadvertently assigned the same code as Colombia. The revised entries should read:  
380 South American Islands (originally coded 310 in 3<sup>rd</sup> edition)  
381 Falkland Islands (originally coded 311 in 3<sup>rd</sup> edition)

*Convert code 310 to 380 and review all cases coded 311.*

The **index entries** for these codes should also be *corrected* on pages B-11 and B-14.

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2. On page C-55, a code was inadvertently left out of the **Surgery of Primary Site** field for **Bones, Joints, Articular Cartilage, Peripheral Nerves and Autonomic Nervous System, Connective, Subcutaneous, and Other Soft Tissues**. The following code should be *added*:

00 None; no cancer-directed surgery of primary site

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3. In the **SEER Program Code Manual**, there are actually two **interfield edits** applicable to the **Surgery/Diagnostic Confirmation Interfield Review** data item:
  - a. Interfield edit 46 for cases diagnosed before 1998
  - b. Interfield edit 76 for cases diagnosed 1998 and forward

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4. In the **Introduction and General Instructions to the SEER Program Code Manual, page 6, add** a clarification on the line pertaining to exclusions of cervical carcinoma in situ and CIN III. The corrected sentence should read:

For the cervix, carcinoma in situ (any /2) and CIN III of the cervix (C53.0-C53.9) (cases diagnosed after January 1, 1996)

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- 5.. In anticipation of the race classification changes proposed by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the year 2000 census, for cases diagnosed January 1, 2000 and after, SEER will be requiring four additional race fields to record the additional information that will be requested on the census forms. Race 2, Race 3, Race 4 and Race 5 will have the same coding structure as the current race field, and the name of the current race field to Race 1. An additional code 88 has been added to the coding structure for

Race 2, Race 3, Race 4 and Race 5 to code “No (second/third/fourth/fifth) race reported.

You will be receiving more details about these new fields, how to code them, and how to aggregate the data later in the year.