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Discontinued Site-Specific Factors

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Why Discontinued SSFs

• SSFs never required by any standard-setter

• AJCC 7th ed included as significant in patient care

• Very little data available, collected by few facilities

• Not enough data for national analysis & conclusions

• Not discontinued due to quality of data
  – Strictly a quantity issue
Usefulness of Discontinued SSFs

- Useful for many individual facilities
  - Physician or cancer center interest
  - Monitor use in facility
  - Monitor effect on patient care, treatment choices

- SSFs will remain in registry database
  - Individual facilities may continue to use

- Future data
  - May prove need for this information
  - May be collected by specialized facilities
Resources for Discontinued SSFs

• No longer use national resources
  – CAnswer Forum will not address these issues

• Focus limited resources/efforts on required SSFs
  – CAnswer Forum will provide answers

• Individual facility questions
  – Discuss with Cancer Committee or specialty physicians
  – Decide on policy for your facility
References

• List of Discontinued SSF

• CS Announcement of Discontinued SSF
  – Distributed 7/22/13

• Available on https://cancerstaging.org/cstage/
CAnswer Forum

- Submit questions to CS Forum
  - Located within the CAnswer Forum
  - Provides information for all
  - Allows tracking for educational purposes

- http://cancerbulletin.facs.org/forums/
You Tube – AJCC Channel

• Short 5-15 minute videos
• AJCC and CS topics
• Cover important concepts
• Posted on CS Web page
• http://www.youtube.com/AJCCancer
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