

**AbstractPlus/CRS Main Line Web Training
6/16/2009**

Question & Answer Summary from Live Broadcast

1. **Where did you say we can find the approved abbreviation list for entering text?**
A: The abbreviation list is in the WCRS Abstract Code Manual, Appendix X. The code manual is available on line at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wcrs/reporterinfo.htm

2. **After submission to WCRS using CRS Main Line, should we have a notepad listing (full text, not encrypted) remaining in our system?**
A: The CRS Main Line program does not keep a full text, line listing of the cases submitted to WCRS. It only keeps the encrypted file with the .MLX extension. However, the AbstractPlus export file stored in your AbsPlus/Exports folder does have all cases, full text, in the NAACCR layout. In addition, during the export process in AbstractPlus, you can save a copy of your export log, or print it out, so you have a record of each case submitted to the state, and when it was submitted. Your MDBS/absplus.mdb backup file also keeps a full record of every case entered in AbstractPlus.

3. **We have two abstractors at our facility and we can't see the abstracts that the other person has completed. Why?**
A: AbstractPlus only shows the abstracts for the user that is currently logged into the system (see bottom right of data entry screen for user identity). To see the abstracts entered by a different user, you need to log into the system as that user.

4. **During the data entry demonstration the SEER1977 stage field was filled in for a case diagnosed in 2008. Aren't we supposed to leave that field blank unless the case was diagnosed before Jan 1, 2001?**
A: For purposes of this demonstration, we filled in every field. However, you are correct. When entering cases in your system, you do NOT need to fill in the SEER1977 summary stage field if the case was diagnosed after December 31, 2000. You may fill it in, and it will not generate an error should you fill it in.

5. **I have a field "date case received" above "date case completed" but it's not on the demonstration data entry screen or in the data items list sent out before the Webcast.**
A: In this demonstration we used the new version that will be released the week of June 22, 2009. In the new version, we removed the 'date case received' field from the facility program since you do not need to fill that in. It only appears in the state registry version used internally.

6. **Do we need to be on version 2.4.0? I have version 2.1.3. Will the State send out an updated version or do we need to request?**
A: WCRS will announce when the new 2.4.0 version is available the week of June 22, 2009. The new version, along with an updated user manual, will be available

for download from a secure Web site. All participants in this Web training will receive an email notification when the files are ready for download.

7. **After you have exported the abstracts, how do you submit them?**
 - A. You need to use the CRS Main Line software program to submit the export files created by AbstractPlus. Contact WCRS to obtain a copy of this program if you don't have it installed at your facility. It can be sent via email or CD-Rom.