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OHIO CANCER REGISTRARS ASSOCIATION (OCRA) March 14, 2026 BOARD MEETING REPORT Dr. Shirley Jordan Seay – Regional Director ONCODSA



1. First meeting of 2026 held Monday January 12, 2026. Although there was low attendance a very important abstracting issue was discussed as it related to the Solid Tumor Manual. The 2025 Solid Tumor Rules identified the soft palate as being in the oral cavity instead of the oropharynx. The corresponding oral cavity table indicated to code histology to 8070 even though it was HPV positive oropharyngeal cancer. There was a Cancer Path Chart edit that appeared when one codes the soft palate HPV positive tumor to histology code 8085. The following table summarizes the issue of the 2025 Solid Tumor manual conflicting with the medical literature.

AJCC 8 th Edition Staging manual	Solid Tumor Rules 2025 Update
Soft Palate NOS C05.1 is listed in the Oropharynx HPV Positive chapter on the first page 113	Solid Tumor Rules page 120 C051 Soft Palate listed on page labeled Table 4: Tumors of Oral Cavity and Mobile Tongue
Histology code 8085 Squamous cell carcinoma, HPV—positive is listed as a histology for the sites in the chapter	Table 4 only lists 8070 for squamous cell carcinoma
In the Oral Cavity Chapter Soft Palate is not listed as a site code	Table 5: Tumors of the Oropharynx, Base of Tongue, Tonsils, Adenoids does not list soft palate

After communication of the issue, it has been corrected in the 2026 Solid Tumor Rules. A review of soft palate cases is suggested to ensure the histology is coded correctly.

2. We continue to have vacant officer positions.
3. A potential new member has been identified after a visit to the ONCODSA Website.
4. Attended meeting to discuss next OCRA conference options.

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