Coding Guidelines
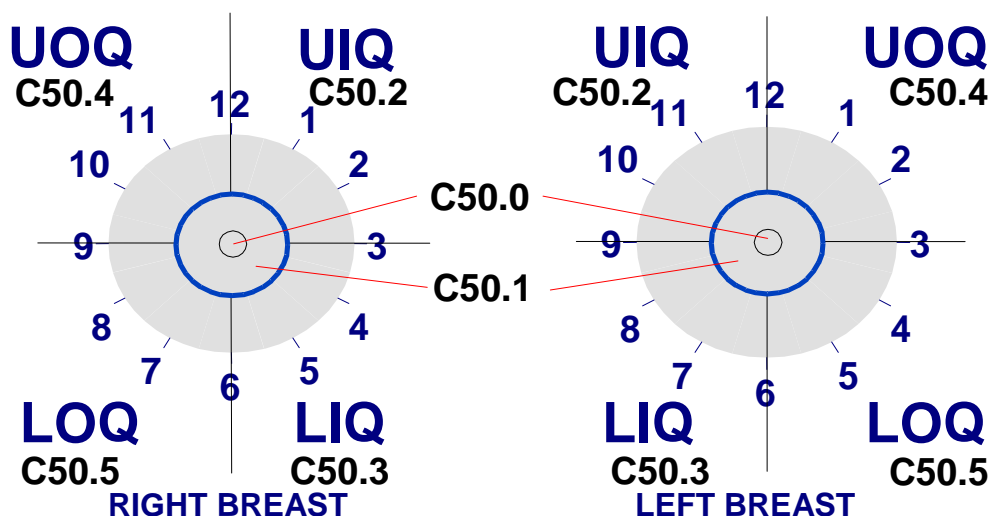**Breast**
C500 -C509

Primary Site

C500   Nipple (areolar)
        Paget disease without underlying tumor

C501   Central portion of breast (subareolar) area extending 1 cm around areolar complex
        Retroareolar
        Infraareolar
        Next to areola, NOS
        Behind, beneath, under, underneath, next to, above, cephalad to, or below nipple
        Paget disease with underlying tumor
        Lower central

C502   Upper inner quadrant (UIQ) of breast
        Superior medial
        Upper medial
        Superior inner

C503   Lower inner quadrant (LIQ) of breast
        Inferior medial
        Lower medial
        Inferior inner

C504   Upper outer quadrant (UOQ) of breast
        Superior lateral
        Superior outer
        Upper lateral

C505   Lower outer quadrant (LOQ) of breast
        Inferior lateral
        Inferior outer
        Lower lateral

C506   Axillary tail of breast
        Tail of breast, NOS
        Tail of Spence

C508   Overlapping lesion of breast
        Inferior breast, NOS
        Inner breast, NOS
        Lateral breast, NOS
        Lower breast, NOS
        Medial breast, NOS
        Midline breast NOS
        Outer breast NOS
        Superior breast, NOS
        Upper breast, NOS
        3:00, 6:00, 9:00, 12:00 o'clock

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Appendix C: Coding Guidelines

C509   Breast, NOS
        Entire breast
        Multiple tumors in different subsites within breast
        Inflammatory without palpable mass
        ¾ or more of breast involved with tumor
        Diffuse (tumor size 998)

Additional Subsite Descriptors
The position of the tumor in the breast may be described as the positions on a clock

O'Clock Positions and Codes
Quadrants of Breasts

Coding Subsites
Use the information from reports in the following priority order to code a subsite when there is conflicting information:

1. Pathology report
2. Operative report
3. Physical examination
4. Mammogram, ultrasound

Code the subsite with the **invasive** tumor when the pathology report identifies invasive tumor in one subsite and in situ tumor in a different subsite or subsites.

Code the specific quadrant for multifocal tumors all within one quadrant
- Do **not** code C509 (Breast, NOS) in this situation

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Code the primary site to C508 when
- there is a single tumor in two or more subsites **and** the subsite in which the tumor originated is unknown
- there is a single tumor located at the 12, 3, 6, or 9 o'clock position on the breast

Code the primary site to C509 when there are multiple tumors (two or more) in at least two quadrants of the breast.

Laterality
Laterality must be coded for all subsites.

Breast primary with positive nodes and no breast mass found: Code laterality to the side with the positive nodes

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