

Coding Guidelines
KAPOSI SARCOMA OF ALL SITES
(M9140)

Primary Site

Kaposi sarcoma that is not AIDS-related is a rare condition. It usually presents as localized disease with an easily recognized primary site.

AIDS-related Kaposi sarcoma usually presents as a disseminated disease with involvement of mucosal surfaces, visceral surfaces of organs, and skin. It is important to review consecutive records carefully to determine the extent of involvement at diagnosis. Review of a single record may reveal only the site being treated during that admission.

1. Code the Kaposi sarcoma to the **primary site in which it arises**.
2. If the Kaposi sarcoma is present in **the skin and another site** simultaneously, code to the specified skin site, (C44_).
3. If the **primary site is unknown** or cannot be determined, code skin, NOS (C449).