

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
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- C508 Overlapping lesion of breast
Inferior breast, NOS
Inner breast, NOS
Lateral breast, NOS
Lower breast, NOS
Medial breast, NOS
Midline breast NOS

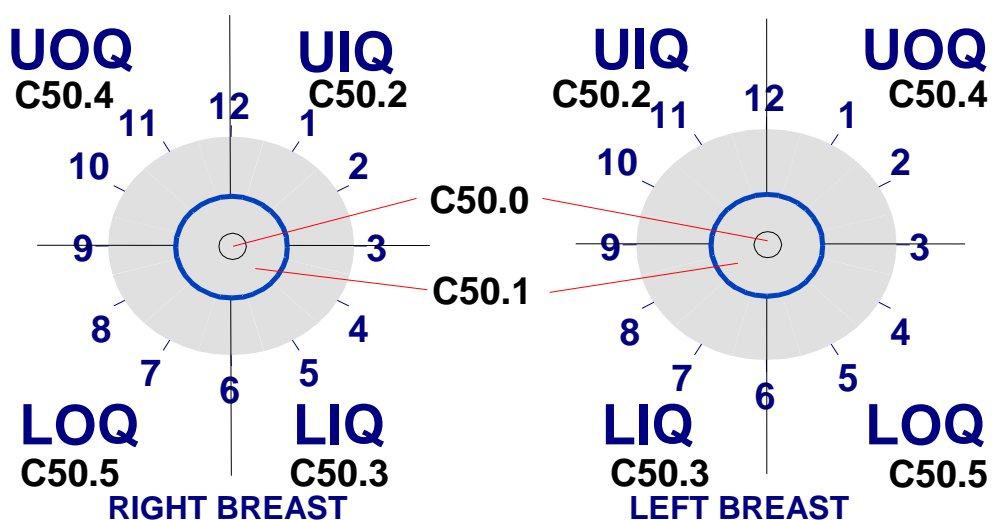
Outer breast NOS
 Superior breast, NOS
 Upper breast, NOS
 3:00, 6:00, 9:00, 12:00 o'clock

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

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