

Coding Guidelines

Thyroid Gland C739

Coding Hormone Therapy

Code Hormone Therapy as 01 for follicular and/or papillary thyroid cancer when thyroid hormone therapy is given.

Do not code replacement therapy as treatment **unless** the tumor is papillary and/or follicular. The thyroid gland produces hormones that influence essentially every organ, tissue and cell in the body. When the thyroid is partially or totally removed, it is no longer able to secrete these essential hormones and the patient is placed on hormone replacement therapy.

The growth of follicular cell cancer depends on thyroid stimulating hormone. Suppression of these hormones is thought to deprive the cells of a growth-promoting influence. Patients with follicular cell-derived cancers have been treated with supraphysiologic doses of thyroid hormone to suppress serum thyroid-stimulating hormones. This treatment has been an industry standard for more than forty years.

Generic Thyroid Drug Names

Levothyroxine/L-thyroxine
Liothyronine
Liotrix
Methimazole
Natural Thyroid
Propylthiouracil/PTU
Thyrotropin alfa

Thyroid Drugs Brand Names

Armour Thyroid
Cytomel
Levothroid
Levoxyl
Naturethroid
Synthroid
Tapazole
Thyrogen
Thyrolar
Unithroid
Westhroid