Coding Guidelines

Colon
C180–C189

The prognosis of patients with colon cancer is related to the degree of penetration of the tumor through the bowel wall, the presence or absence of nodal involvement, and the presence or absence of distant metastases.

Primary Site

Priority Order for Coding Primary Site

Use the information from reports in the following priority order to code the primary site when there is conflicting information:

Resected cases
  Operative report with surgeon’s description
  Pathology report
  Imaging

Polypectomy or excision without resection
  Endoscopy report
  Pathology report

Subsites

Code the subsite with the most tumor when the tumor overlaps two subsites. Code C188 when both subsites are equally involved.