

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.

Code C189 when the only information provided for primary site is "colorectal."