Coding Guidelines

Melanoma Skin
C000-C002, C006, C440-C449, C500, C510-C512, C518-C519, C600-C602, C608-C609, C632) with Histology 8720-8790

Reportability

As of cases diagnosed January 1, 2021, early or evolving melanoma of any type **is reportable**. This includes both invasive and in situ melanomas; early or evolving are reportable.

Primary Site

Assign C449 for melanoma when the primary site is **unknown** and there is no information suggesting that the melanoma originated in a non-skin site. Assign C809 when the site of origin is unknown and there ***is*** some indication that the primary site of the melanoma is not skin.

NAACCR Item #3817: Breslow Tumor Thickness

Maximum thickness (depth) in millimeters (mm)

[Based on information provided by the Seattle/Puget Sound SEER Registry]

Breslow tumor thickness is a four-character field. The field includes a decimal point. Depth/thickness values between 0.1 and 99.9 can be coded. The field requires one digit or character before the decimal point and one digit after the decimal point.

The field includes one place after the decimal point (Example: 12.3). The usual rounding rules apply to measurements with two digits after the decimal point: round 0-4 down and 5-9 up.

Examples

Thickness/Depth	Code
0.22 mm	0.2
.75 mm	0.8

When thickness/depth is recorded as a decimal point followed by one digit, code with a zero to the left before the decimal point.

Examples

Thickness/Depth	Code
.2 mm	0.2
.7 mm	0.7

When thickness/depth is greater than 0.0 and less than or equal to 0.1, code to 0.1.

Examples

Thickness/Depth	Code
Less than 0.1 mm	0.1
0.1 mm	0.1

When thickness/depth is stated as "at least" some measured value of 0.1 to 9.9, code A0.1-A9.9.

Examples

Thickness/Depth	Code
At least 0.2 mm	A0.2
At least 2.05 mm	A2.1
At least 8 mm	A8.0

When thickness/depth is stated as greater than 9.9 mm, code AX.0.

Examples

Thickness/Depth	Code
At least 10 mm	AX.0
At least 20.5 mm	AX.0

When thickness/depth is 100 mm or more, code XX.1.

Examples

Thickness/Depth	Code
100.1 mm	XX.1
10 cm	XX.1