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References:

SEER EOD-88, 3rd Ed, 138

Question:

EOD-Pathologic Extension--Prostate: Can a pathological extension code be assigned when a retropubic prostatectomy is done? See discussion.

Discussion:

The TNM manual states, "Total prostatoseminalvesiculectomy and pelvic lymph node dissection are required for pathologic staging."

Answer:

For cases diagnosed 1998-2003:

The pathology report from a retropubic prostatectomy should be used to code the Pathologic Extension field. This field is coded using pathology report information from the prostatectomy operation regardless of the surgical approach and regardless of whether or not a pelvic lymph node dissection was performed. This is one area in which TNM rules for pathologic staging and SEER rules for EOD are slightly different.

Cancer Site Category:

Prostate

Data Item Category:

N/A

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2000