Question 20010092

References:

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Question:

Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery/EOD-Number of Regional Nodes Examined: What codes is used to represent these fields when the surgeon states that a "lymph node dissection" was done, but no nodes are identified in the pathology report?

Discussion:

Answer:

For cases diagnosed 1/1/2003 and after: Code the Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery field to 3 [Number of regional lymph nodes removed unknown or not stated; regional lymph nodes removed, NOS] and code the EOD-Number of Regional Nodes Examined field to 00 [No nodes examined].

The surgery fields reflect the procedures the physician performed. The EOD fields reflect the results of those procedures.

History:

For cases diagnosed 1998-2002: Code the Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery field to the code that reflects a lymph node dissection for the site being coded. In the surgery field, you are capturing the surgical procedure only. Code the EOD-Number of Regional Lymph Nodes Examined field to 00 [No regional lymph nodes examined] to capture the results of this procedure.

Cancer Site Category:

N/A

Data Item Category:

Scope Regional LN Surgery

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2001