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References:

2004 SEER Manual, C-471. Appendix C

Question:

Histology (Pre-2007)--Breast: Are diagnoses of "infiltrating duct and mucinous carcinoma" and "duct carcinoma, mucinous type" both coded to the histology code of 8523/3?

Discussion:

Answer:

For tumors diagnosed prior to 2007:

Code "Infiltrating duct and mucinous carcinoma" to 8523/3 [Infiltrating duct mixed with other types of carcinoma] according to the instructions for coding a single tumor with complex histology in Appendix C of the 2004 SEER manual. Assign code 8523/3 when the diagnosis is duct carcinoma mixed with another type of carcinoma. Look for "and" or "mixed" in the diagnosis.

Code the Histology field for a "ductal carcinoma, mucinous type" to 8480/3 [Mucinous carcinoma].

The instructions for coding a single tumor with complex histology are to code the specific type if the diagnosis is "Duct carcinoma, _____ type."

For tumors diagnosed 2007 or later, refer to the MP/H rules. If there are still questions about how this type of tumor should be coded, submit a new question to SINQ and include the difficulties you are encountering in applying the MP/H rules.

History:

For breast cases diagnosed 1/2001 to 4/2003, ductal carcinoma, mucinous type will continue to be coded to the term that describes the majority of the tumor, mucinous (8480/3).

The ICD-O-3 code 8523/3, infiltrating duct and mucinous carcinoma is used to describe a tumor with mixed duct and mucinous carcinoma.

For breast cases diagnosed 5/2003 to 12/2003 No. Code the Histology field for a "ductal carcinoma, mucinous type" to 8480/3 [Mucinous carcinoma].

Rule 4 on page 3 of Coding Complex Morphologic Diagnoses, states you are to code the specific type if the diagnosis is "Duct carcinoma, _____ type."

"Infiltrating duct and mucinous carcinoma" is coded to 8523/3 per rule 3 on page 3 of Coding Complex Morphologic Diagnoses. Code 8523/3 is used if the diagnosis is duct carcinoma mixed with another type of carcinoma. Look for "and" or "mixed" in the diagnosis.

Cancer Site Category: Breast

Data Item Category: Histology

Other Category: N/A

Year: 2001