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SEER PCM, 3rd Ed, Rev 1, 139d. January 2003

Question:

Hematologic Transplant and Endocrine Procedures--Brain and CNS: Is stem cell transplant coded as treatment for medulloblastoma? See Description.

Discussion:

The PDQ lists high-dose chemotherapy with autologous bone marrow rescue as treatment for children under three. A case of medulloblastoma that was treated with gross total resection of the tumor, followed by chemotherapy and autologous PBSC (peripheral blood stem cell) transplant.

Answer:

A stem cell transplant does not fit the definition of "treatment" because it does not affect, control, change, remove or destroy proliferating cancer tissue. However, there is a place to code this procedure. Code stem cell transplant under Hematologic Transplant and Endocrine Procedures. Assign code 20 [Stem cell harvest].

History:

For cases prior to January 2003, code stem cell transplant under Immunotherapy. Assign code 5 [stem cell transplant].

Cancer Site Category:

Brain and CNS

Data Item Category:

First course treatment

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2003