

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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## Question 20110035

### References:

Heme & Lymph Manual & DB

### Question:

Primary site--Heme & Lymphoid Neoplasms: How is the primary site coded when both a lymph node biopsy and peripheral blood are positive for CLL/SLL? See Discussion.

### Discussion:

Per Module 3, Rules PH5 and PH6 in the Hematopoietic Manual, it states that CLL has peripheral blood involvement and SLL does not.

### Answer:

For cases diagnosed 2010 and forward, access the Hematopoietic Database at <http://seer.cancer.gov/seertools/hemelymph>.

Code the primary site to C421 [bone marrow] and histology to 9823/3 [CLL/SLL]. Per Rule there may be involvement of bone marrow AND lymph node(s), lymph node region(s), organ(s), or tissue(s) but as long as the peripheral blood and/or bone marrow are involved, the primary site is bone marrow (C421).

SEER\*Educate provides training on how to use the Heme Manual and DB. If you are unsure how to arrive at the answer in this SINQ question, refer to SEER\*Educate to practice coding hematopoietic and lymphoid neoplasms. Review the step-by-step instructions provided for each case scenario to learn how to use the application and manual to arrive at the answer provided. <https://educate.fhcrc.org/LandingPage.aspx> (<https://educate.fhcrc.org/LandingPage.aspx>).

### History:

For cases diagnosed 2010-2011, access the Hematopoietic Database at <http://seer.cancer.gov/tools/heme/>. Click on Hematopoietic Project. Click on Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Database. For 2010-2011 diagnoses, click on the "use the 2010 database" label in the upper right corner of the screen. The 2010 Hematopoietic Coding Manual (PDF) button will appear to indicate the correct version of the program is available now for query.

Code the primary site to C421 [bone marrow] and histology to 9823/3 [CLL/SLL] because this patient is manifesting both leukemia and lymphoma symptoms/involvement. The steps used to arrive at this decision are:

Enter in to the Heme DB to search for the histology. Click on the SEARCH button. The term "chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma" [9823/3] will be highlighted.

Check the PRIMARY SITE section which indicates the site should be C421.

Confirm the final decision regarding the site and histology in the rules.

Click on the 2010 HEMATOPOIETIC CODING MANUAL (PDF) button. Once in the manual, locate one of the three formats (i.e., flowchart, matrix or text) to check the Multiple Primary Rules. The rules are intended to be reviewed in consecutive order from Rule PH9 to PH12 in Module 3. Stop at the first rule that applies to the case you are processing.

. Per this rule, code the primary site bone marrow (C421) and code the histology B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma (BCCLL/CLL) [9823/3] when the diagnosis is B-cell chronic lymphocytic leukemia/small lymphocytic lymphoma (BCCLL/SLL) AND peripheral blood is involved (the bone marrow may also be involved).

Rule PH9 will be modified to say that when there is involvement of only blood and/or bone marrow OR involvement of both bone marrow and/or blood and solid tissue, code to CLL/SLL.

Cancer Site Category:

Heme & Lymphoid Neoplasms

Data Item Category:

Histology

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2011