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References:

Solid Tumor Rules. Other Sites, March 2023 update

Question:

Solid Tumor Rules/Multiple Primaries: What M Rule of the updated Solid Tumor Rules, Other Sites, applies to a 2022 diagnosis of endometrial cancer, followed greater than one year later by a 2023 diagnosis of esophageal cancer with no interim evidence of tumor recurrence? See Discussion.

Discussion:

These diagnoses were made greater than one year apart with a disease-free interval and M12 seems to be the first rule that applies. This rule does not specifically state the tumors diagnosed greater than 1 year apart must be in the same primary site but Note 1 could be interpreted as implying this. Note 1 states, "Clinically disease-free means that there was no evidence of recurrence in the same site on follow-up."

Does Other Sites Rule M12 (the timing rule) apply to tumors in different primary sites? It would be helpful if the notes specified this clarification, such as "Clinically disease-free means that there was no evidence of recurrence in the same site (same second and third character CXX.X) on follow-up."

Answer:

Abstract multiple primaries using the Solid Tumor Rules, Other Sites, Rule M13. The topography differs at the second and third characters (C54.1 Endometrium; C15 Esophagus). Rule M12 refers to being disease-free vs. recurrence of a tumor, where Note 1 states that clinically disease-free means no evidence of recurrence in the same site on follow up.

A note can be added to clarify that M12 applies to new tumors in the SAME site.

Cancer Site Category:

N/A

Data Item Category:

N/A

Other Category:

Multiple primaries, Solid Tumor Rules (2018, 2021)

Year:

2023