Coding Guidelines

Lymphoma M9590-9699, 9702-9727, 9735, 9737-9738, 9823, 9827

Background

The two general types of lymphoma are **Hodgkin lymphoma** (HL), also known as Hodgkin disease, and **non-Hodgkin lymphoma** (NHL).

Hodgkin lymphoma can originate almost anywhere in the body. Hodgkin lymphoma may occur in a single lymph node, a group of lymph nodes, or, sometimes, in other parts of the lymphatic system such as the bone marrow and spleen.

Non-Hodgkin lymphoma may originate in a single lymph node, a group of lymph nodes, or in another organ.

When lymphoma originates in a lymph node, it is referred to as "nodal." When lymphoma originates in an organ, it is referred to as "extranodal."

Coding Instructions

Primary Site

The primary site for nodal lymphomas is coded to lymph nodes (C770-C779). The primary site for extranodal lymphoma is coded to a site **other than** lymph nodes (primary sites other than C770-C779).

First Course of Therapy

Do not code proton pump inhibitors as treatment. Proton pump inhibitors are used for gastric acid suppression; they treat symptoms, not the lymphoma itself.

Surgery of Primary Site (NAACCR ID #1290)

Nodal Lymphoma (C770-C779)

Assign the appropriate surgery code using the Lymph Nodes Surgery Codes.

Note: Assign code 25 (Local tumor excision, NOS) only when **one** lymph node was identified through clinical evaluations and was removed.

Do **not** code in Surgery of Primary Site when **multiple** nodes are involved and only one is removed. Code as a biopsy.

Extranodal Lymphoma (Primary Sites other than C770-C779)

Use the site-specific surgery codes corresponding to the primary site.

Example 1: Stomach lymphoma. Use the Stomach Surgery Codes to code Surgery of Primary Site.

Example 2: Tonsil lymphoma. Use the Pharynx Surgery Codes to code Surgery of Primary Site. The surgery codes for Pharynx cover Tonsil (C090–C099).

See the <u>Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Case Reportability and Coding Manual</u> and the Hematopoietic Database (DB) for more information and additional coding instructions.