Coding Guidelines

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

See the *Hematopoietic and Lymphoid Neoplasm Case Reportability and Coding Manual* and the Hematopoietic Database (DB) for more information and coding instructions.

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

*Note***:** Surgery codes for lymph nodes (C770-C779) are not limited to lymphomas. Use the site-specific coding scheme corresponding to the primary site or histology.

Surgery codes for lymph nodes exclude these histologies: M9727, 9732, 9741-9742, 9762-9809, 9832, 9840-9931, 9945-9946, 9950-9967, 9975-9992

Use of code 25 (Local tumor excision, NOS): Assign code 25 only when one lymph node was identified through clinical evaluations and was removed. If multiple nodes are involved and only one is removed, code as a biopsy; do not code in Surgery of Primary Site.

Surgery Codes for Hematopoietic/Reticuloendothelial/Immunoproliferative/Myeloproliferative Disease include C420, C421, C423, C424 (with any histology) or M9727, 9732, 9741-9742, 9762-9809, 9832, 9840-9931, 9945-9946, 9950-9967, 9975-9992

Assign code 98 for all hematopoietic/reticuloendothelial/immunoproliferative/myeloproliferative disease sites and/or histologies, WITH or WITHOUT surgical treatment unless the case is a DCO (Death Certificate Only). Assign 99 for DCOs.

Surgical procedures for hematopoietic, reticuloendothelial, immunoproliferative, myeloproliferative primaries are to be recorded using the data item Surgical Procedure of Other Site (NAACCR Item # 1294).