Colorectal Cancer Resection Pathology Reporting — pT Category (Primary Tumor) and pN Category (Regional Lymph Nodes) with Histologic Grade

Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has colorectal cancer and received a colorectal cancer resection surgical pathology examination:

An ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for colon or rectum cancer and a CPT code for colorectal cancer resection surgical pathology examination are required to identify patients to be included in this measure[1].

All measure specific coding should be reported on the claim(s) representing the eligible encounter.

Colorectal cancer ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes

- 153.0, 153.1, 153.2, 153.3, 153.4, 153.5, 153.6, 153.7, 153.8, 153.9 (malignant neoplasm of colon)
- 154.0, 154.1, 154.8 (malignant neoplasm of rectum, rectosigmoid junction, and anus)

AND

CPT code

- 88309

Quality codes for this measure:

CPT II Code descriptors

(Data collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate code.)

- *CPT II 3250F:* Specimen site other than anatomic location of primary tumor
- *CPT II 3260F:* pT category (primary tumor), pN category (regional lymph nodes), and histologic grade documented in pathology report
- *CPT II 3260F–1P:* Documentation of medical reason(s) (eg, anal canal) for not including pT category, pN category, and histologic grade in the pathology report
- *CPT II 3260F–8P:* pT category, pN category, and histologic grade were not documented in pathology report, reason not otherwise specified

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[1]Independent laboratories (ILs) and independent diagnostic testing facilities (IDTFs), using indicator Place of Service 81, are not included in PQRI.