

Breast 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 breast cancer and received a breast cancer resection surgical pathology examination:

An ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for breast cancer and a CPT code for breast cancer resection surgical pathology examination are required to identify patients to be included in this measure¹.

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

Breast cancer ICD-9-CM diagnosis codes

- 174.0, 174.1, 174.2, 174.3, 174.4, 174.5, 174.6, 174.8, 174.9 (malignant neoplasm of female breast)
- 175.0, 175.9 (malignant neoplasm of male breast)

AND

CPT codes

- 88307, 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, re-excision without residual tumor) for not including pT category, pN category, and histologic grade in the pathology report (e.g., re-excision without residual tumor; non-carcinomas)
- **CPT II 3260F-8P:** pT category, pN category, and histologic grade were not documented in pathology report, reason not otherwise specified

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

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