

## 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:

A line item ICD-9-CM diagnosis code for colon or rectum cancer and a CPT procedure code for colorectal cancer resection surgical pathology examination are required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

All measure-specific coding should be reported ON THE SAME CLAIM.

#### Colorectal cancer line item 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 procedure codes

- 88309 (surgical pathology)
  - WITHOUT
    - Place of Service Indicator: 81

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) 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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