

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

*This measure is to be reported **each time** a breast cancer resection surgical pathology examination is performed during the reporting period for all patients with breast cancer, regardless of age. It is anticipated that clinicians who examine breast tissue specimens following resection in a laboratory or institution will submit this measure. Independent laboratories (ILs) and independent diagnostic testing facilities (IDTFs), using indicator Place of Service 81, are not included in PQRI.*

Measure description

Percentage of breast cancer resection pathology reports that include the pT category (primary tumor), the pN category (regional lymph nodes), and the histologic grade

What will you need to report for each patient undergoing a breast cancer resection surgical pathology examination for this measure?

If you select this measure for reporting, you will need to determine:

- Whether or not you the specimen site is primary breast tissue (eg, liver, lung)

If the specimen site is primary breast tissue, you will then need to report:

- Whether or not you documented the pT category, the pN category, and histologic grade in the pathology report

What if this process or outcome of care is not appropriate for your patient?

There may be times when it is not appropriate to document the pT category, pN category, and histologic grade due to:

- Medical reasons (eg, re-excision without residual tumor)

In these cases, you will need to indicate that the medical reason applies, and specify the reason on the worksheet and in the medical chart. The office/billing staff will then report a code with a modifier that represents these valid reasons (also called exclusions).