

Molina Healthcare Coding Tips

Documentation on Metastatic Disease

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Molina Healthcare is committed to supporting your clinical practice. Please take a moment to review this HCC Pearl.

Why should I accurately document and code Metastatic Cancer?

- Metastatic Cancer can have up to 10x the RAF value of the Primary Cancer.
- It provides a more accurate health status of the patient.
- Document the site where the Cancer originated, as well as the site where the Cancer has Metastasized.

How do I code Metastases?

- Code the area of the body with Metastases

Ex: Mets to lung 197.0



Have Questions?
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Initial Dx

- » 66-year-old Latino male

Assessment: Pathology report shows Prostate Cancer with **Metastasis** to Inguinal LN

Plan: To see Oncologist on Monday

Code as:

- » ICD-9 code 185 for Primary Prostate Cancer AND 196.5 for Secondary Cancer to Inguinal LN
- » ICD-10 code C61 for Primary Prostate Cancer AND C774 for Secondary Cancer to Inguinal LN

Established Dx

- » 70-year-old Asian male with **Metastasis** to bone

Assessment: Hydrocodone now insufficient for pain.

Plan: Discussed with Palliative Care, will start Roxanol, refer for Radiation Therapy.

Code as:

- » ICD-9 code 198.5 for Secondary Cancer to Bone AND 199.1 for primary unknown Malignant Neoplasm
- » ICD-10 code C7951 for Secondary Cancer to Bone AND C801 for primary unknown Malignant Neoplasm

Always document and code both the Primary Cancer and any Metastatic Cancer!