



## Delaware Cancer Registry QA Tip Sheet by Primary Site

The following coding guidance was compiled from Tip Sheets prepared for the Delaware Cancer Registrars Association in 2011-2012. The tips are based on coding trends identified through Delaware Cancer Registry Q/A activities.

### Bladder

- If you have a TURB with electrocautery or fulguration, this is coded as 22

### Breast

- Document your FISH, CISH, etc. testing in your text
- Be mindful of where you are entering your Her2 testing results- there's a place for 3 different methods and their respective interpretations , as well as a place for results of "other or unknown" test
- Don't forget about CS SSF#15 – Her 2 Summary- sometimes this was forgotten
- SSF#20 – needs to be filled out with "000" if you have no positive mets
- Revisit Note 7 regarding inflammatory carcinoma and clinical statements regarding skin involvement- if you have used a code that involves % of skin, document in path text as well
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- Scope of lymph node surgery when sentinel nodes are involved

### Colon

- still seeing cases with polyp(s) in path text without correct histology

## Kidney

- CS SSF#6 This is for FUHRMAN grade, unique to renal cell carcinomas
- SSF#1, 2 –there is a code for “no surgical resection done”

## Larynx

- “stripping” is treatment- with or without a pathology specimen

## Lung

- SSF2visceral Pleural Invasion (VPI)/Elastic layer Do not assign “000” until you have checked your pathology text. There is a code “998” for NO histologic examination of pleura.

## Lymphovascular invasion

- coding of “9” was seen even though path text stated no L/V invasion

## Melanoma

- If you have wide excisions, put margins in text to support 45, 46, 47 codes
- If you have unknown margins or margins  $\leq 1$  cm for a wide excision, it is coded 30
- Do not combine Breslow’s depth from various surgeries
- scope of lymph node surgery when sentinel nodes are involved
- surgical codes for wide excision differ with margin size. Check margins and Document in text to support 45, 46, 47 codes

## Prostate

- SSF#15 Clinical Staging procedures performed - TRUS is considered one of the imaging techniques when deciding which code to use.

## Thyroid

- Papillary carcinoma of the thyroid has its own ICD-03 code – 82603
- I-131 is coded to the volume of 33 (whole body)