



Focus on Breast Cancer

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Facts about Breast Cancer

One in 9 women will develop breast cancer. Although breast cancer usually can be treated successfully when detected early, it nevertheless is the second-leading cause of cancer-related deaths among women. Every woman is at risk, and the risk increases with age. Mammography is an excellent screening tool for breast cancer. Accordingly, screening mammography is a CME-mandated healthcare quality mandate (HEDIS/Stars).

Current Cancer vs. History of Cancer

To correctly report a diagnosis of cancer, determine whether the patient's cancer has been eradicated or is currently being treated. The neoplasm table in the ICD-9-CM code book establishes three categories of malignancy: primary, secondary and in situ. Malignant neoplasms should be coded as categorized; unknown sites (primary or secondary) must also be coded.

Current Cancer

Patients with cancer who are receiving active treatment for the condition should be reported with the malignant neoplasm code corresponding to the affected site. This applies even when a patient has had cancer surgery, but is still receiving active treatment for the disease.

ICD-9-CM: Breast Cancer¹

- **174.8** Malignant neoplasm of other specified sites of female breast. Malignant neoplasm of contiguous or overlapping sites of breast whose point of origin cannot be determined.
- **174.9** Malignant neoplasm of breast (female), unspecified

ICD-10-CM: Breast Cancer^{2,3}

- C50.811 Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of right female breast
- C50.812 Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of left female breast
- C50.819 Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of unspecified female breast
- C50.911 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of right female breast
- C50.912 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of left female breast
- C50.919 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of unspecified female breast

ICD-9-CM: Breast Cancer Screening (for all female beneficiaries)¹

- V76.11 Screening mammogram for high-risk patient
- V76.12 Other screening mammogram

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- Z12.31 Encounter for screening mammogram for malignant neoplasm of breast

History of Cancer

Patients with a history of cancer, with no evidence of current cancer, and not currently under treatment for cancer should be reported as "*Personal history of malignant neoplasm.*" These V codes require additional digits to identify the site of the cancer and should be reported only when there is no evidence of current cancer. If a patient's presenting problem, signs, or symptoms may be related to the cancer history or if the cancer history (personal or family) impacts the plan of care, then report the appropriate V code and not the code for the active cancer.

ICD-9-CM: History of Breast Cancer¹

- V10.3 Personal history of malignant neoplasm of breast

ICD-10-CM: History of Breast Cancer^{2,3}

- Z85.3 Personal history of malignant neoplasm of breast
 - Conditions classifiable to C50-

ICD-9-CM: History of Mastectomy¹

- V45.71 Acquired absence of breast and nipple

ICD-10-CM: History of Mastectomy^{2,3}

- Z90.10 Acquired absence of unspecified breast and nipple
- Z90.11 Acquired absence of right breast and nipple
- Z90.12 Acquired absence of left breast and nipple
- Z90.13 Acquired absence of bilateral breasts and nipples

¹ World Health Organization, Professional: ICD-9-CM for Physicians—Volumes 1 & 2. 2013 Alexandria, VA: Optum, 2014

² Optum 2014 ICD-10 The Complete Official Draft Code Set www.optumcoding.com/ICD10

³ The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS). "ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting." Department of Health and Human Services. DHHS. 2012. October. Web. 12 August 2013. <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/icd9/icd10cm_guidelines_2014.pdf>