

**DATA STANDARDS AND QUALITY CONTROL
MEMORANDUM
DSQC #2008-04**

CATEGORY: CLARIFICATIONS
SUBJECT: Multiplicity Counter
EFFECTIVE: Cases Diagnosed 1/1/2007 and Forward

This memorandum clarifies and refines the instructions for coding the data item Multiplicity Counter. Clarifications to the data item Multiplicity Counter include the following:

Definition: Number of tumors counted as a single primary.

- Use the multiple primary rules for the specific site to determine whether the tumors are a single or multiple primary
- Include only tumors being coded as a single primary
- Do not count metastatic tumors

Multifocal Tumors

- If the tumor is multifocal or multicentric and the foci of tumor are measured, count them as tumors
- When the tumor is multifocal or multicentric and the number of tumors is not given, use code 99
- When the tumor is multifocal or multicentric and the number of foci of tumor are not measured, use code 99

Code 88

- Leukemia
- Lymphoma
- Immunoproliferative Disease
- Multiple Myeloma
- Unknown Primary (C80.9)

Code 99

- Tumor is described as multifocal and the number of tumors is not mentioned
- Tumor is described as diffuse; if the number of tumors is known, code the number of tumors
- Multiple tumors are described but an exact number is not mentioned.
- It is unknown if there is a single or multiple tumors

Special Conditions

- Kaposi's Sarcoma: code the number of lesions/tumors when available. Code 99 when the number of lesions/tumors is not stated
- Familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP): code the number of tumors when available. Code 99 when the number of tumors is not stated.