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# Memorandum

## DSQC Memo #2012-01

**CATEGORY:** Clarification

**SUBJECT:** Coding Lymphomas: Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma and Marginal Zone Lymphoma

**EFFECTIVE:** Cases Diagnosed 01/01/2012 and forward

Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma (9689) and Marginal Zone Lymphoma (9699) are similar in verbiage and histology codes; however, they are specific histologies with distinct coding rules.

The following will assist registrars in coding these two lymphomas:

- When using reporting software auto-coding, enter the word "splenic" to arrive at the correct histology code for splenic marginal zone lymphoma.
- Splenic Marginal Zone Lymphoma (9689) must be coded to primary site of spleen (C42.2).
- Marginal Zone Lymphoma must **not** be coded to primary site of spleen (C42.2).

The CCR does not require the recoding and transmission of cases previously submitted, as these cases have already been corrected in the Eureka database.

**Note:** In accordance with the CCR Visual Editing Standards, discrepancies resulting from this new information will not be counted for one month (30 days) after the statewide distribution. The Date Completed on the abstract will be the date the visual editor will use to calculate the 30-day time frame.

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