

"Q"-Tips

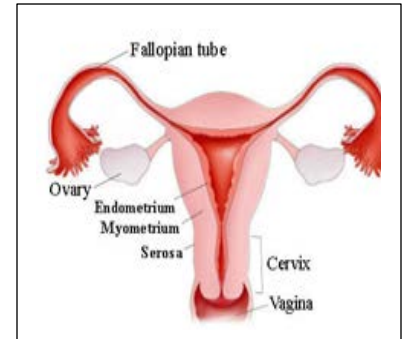
Education – Abstracting - Coding - Quality Tips

Primary Site: C541 / Endometrium

A recent CCR audit of Endometrial cancers revealed a number of data items with common coding inconsistencies. See the "Q"-tips below.

HISTOLOGY:

- Endometrioid Adenocarcinoma is a specific cell type. Code as 8380.
- Endometrial adenocarcinoma is coded as "adenocarcinoma" 8140.
 - "Endometrial" is a general term referring to the endometrium. (i.e., the location of the adenocarcinoma is the endometrium/endometrial adenoca).



Combo/mixed histologies ICD-O-3 and MPH Rules (for single invasive tumors):

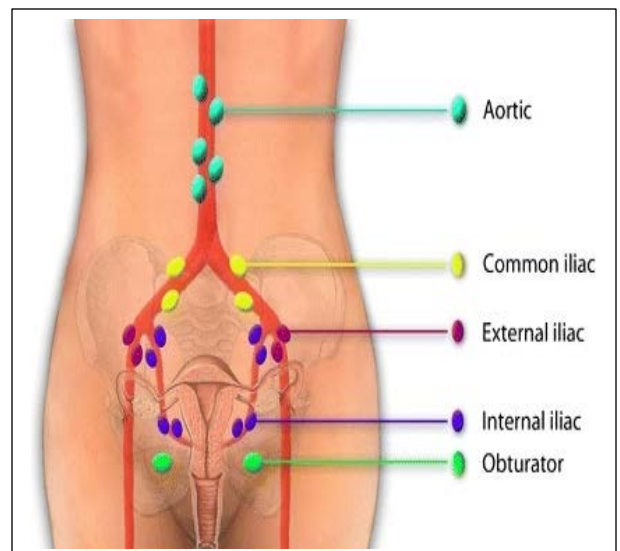
- Code the *specific* mixed ICD-O-3 code *if one is available before* coding to a combo/mixed histology code found in MPH GYN table 2 (MPH OTHER SITES).
 - MPH H11 Example: Papillary Serous Adenocarcinoma is coded to 8460 and is considered one specific histologic type. Do not code to 8323.
 - MPH H16 Example: Endometrioid and Clear cell adenocarcinoma are multiple specific histologies, Code as 8323 as indicated in GYN Table 2.
 - Per SEER these rules will be clarified in the MPH Revisions.
- **SINQ 20110014:** Adenocarcinoma with squamous differentiation is coded to 8570.

HISTOLOGY GRADE:

- Code the histologic nuclear grade
 - Grade 1/Well Differentiated
 - Grade 2/Mod Differentiated
 - Grade 3/Poorly Differentiated
 - Grade 4/Undifferentiated
 - **DO NOT USE FIGO GRADE – If the only grade available is FIGO Grade- Use code 9/Unknown.**

REGIONAL LYMPH NODES for Corpus Uteri/Endometrium:

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| PELVIC LNS | • Obturator |
| | • Iliac, NOS, External iliac, Internal iliac (hypogastric), <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Common iliac |
| | • Parametrial |
| | • Paracervical |
| | • Sacral, NOS, Pre-sacral, Utero-sacral, Lateral sacral <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Middle sacral (promontorial or Gerota's nodes) |
| | • Pelvic NOS |
| | • Regional LN, NOS |
| | • Aortic, NOS, Para-aortic, Lateral (lumbar) aortic |
| | • Retroperitoneal LNs (per CANSWER Forum) |



Regional Lymph Nodes Notes:

- All the lymph nodes listed on page 1 are considered “regional” lymph nodes, including the para-aortic lymph nodes and retroperitoneal nodes for corpus uteri/endometrium.
 - If lymph nodes are removed, but there is no statement if they are pelvic or para-aortic, assume they are “pelvic” nodes.
- **Regional Nodes Examined:** Code/count the number of regional lymph nodes examined, including para-aortic.
 - **Regional Nodes Positive:** Code/count the number of regional lymph nodes which are positive, including para-aortic.
- **CS SSF 3-Number of Positive Pelvic Nodes & CS SSF 4-Number of Examined Pelvic Nodes**
 - When LNs positive or examined are not stated as pelvic or para-aortic by the pathologist, per CS rules and CANSWER Forum consider the LNs positive/examined to be “pelvic” nodes and code in SSF3 and SSF4 accordingly.
 - **CS SSF 5 Number of Positive Para-aortic Nodes & CS SSF 6 Number of Examined Para-aortic Nodes**
 - If lymph nodes are named as para-aortic determine the number positive/examined and code in SSF5 and SSF6.
 - If the lymph nodes examined are not stated to be either pelvic or para-aortic, then consider them “pelvic nodes” and code in SSF3 and SSF4....**Then for SSF 5 & 6, code the number of para-aortic lymph nodes positive & examined as 999/unknown.**

FIGO Stage: FIGO stage and FIGO grade are not synonymous.

- FIGO Stage is the extent of disease based on surgical resection.
- FIGO Grade refers to specific characteristics and features of the tumor cells.

RADIATION MODALITY:

- **Intracavitary HDR (Code 52)**
~Usually used for early stage disease
- **Interstitial HDR (Code 54)**
~Usually reserved for more advanced disease, with cervix and/or vaginal involvement.

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