



In the Abstract

June 2024

June is National Cancer Survivor Month!

The Light of Endurance



The light of endurance, a beacon so bright,
A fight against darkness, a plight.
Cancer survivors, a light enduring,
Assuring a life, alluring.

Their light, a constant glow of resilience,
A brilliance of survival, a persistence.
In their endurance, a shining ray,
A day of life, a bright array.

<https://poemsplease.com/poems-for-cancer-survivors>

Get in SINQ.... about High grade dysplasia

Question: Biliary Tract: Is a diagnosis of high grade dysplasia of the gallbladder reportable? See Discussion.

Discussion: Patient was diagnosed March 2024 with high grade dysplasia of the gallbladder during excision for clinical history of acute cholecystitis and obstruction.

Per the STR, Table 10 for Gallbladder and Extrahepatic Bile Duct Histologies shows Biliary intraepithelial neoplasia, high grade as code 8148/2. High grade glandular intraepithelial neoplasia of the biliary tract is also code 8148/2.

Recent SINQ 20240021 (GI specific) indicates high grade dysplasia is reportable as high grade glandular intraepithelial neoplasia (8148/2) for stomach, small intestine, and esophagus. Does the same hold true for gallbladder? If so, then it appears there is a conflict between STR and Appendix E2.

However, using the logic of SINQ 20240021 for this site would appear to contradict Appendix E2 which indicates high grade dysplasia in sites other than stomach, intestine, and esophageal sites is not reportable.

If we can code high grade dysplasia of GI sites to 8148/2, should we accession high grade dysplasia of the gallbladder and other biliary sites in a similar manner? If so, then Appendix E needs to be modified.

Answer: Report biliary intraepithelial neoplasia (dysplasia), high grade. As noted in SINQ 20240021 and the Other Sites Solid Tumor Rules, Rules H4/H26, the listed sites may not include all reportable neoplasms for 8148/2.

We will update the Other Sites Solid Tumor Rules to reflect this code as well as make revisions in the next release of the SEER Manual.

SINQ 20240032

Question: Esophagus: Is high grade dysplasia of the esophagus reportable? The 2024 SEER Program Manual, page 21, has an example that states it is not reportable.

Discussion: *Example 4: Esophageal biopsy with diagnosis of “focal areas suspicious for adenocarcinoma in situ.” Diagnosis on partial esophagectomy specimen “with foci of high grade dysplasia; no invasive carcinoma identified.” Do not accession the case. The esophagectomy proved that the suspicious biopsy result was false.*

*Appendix E2 #32 of the SEER Manual states high grade dysplasia in site **other than** stomach, small intestines, and esophageal primary sites are not reportable. Does this mean high grade dysplasia is reportable for esophagus primaries?*

Answer: High grade dysplasia of the esophagus is reportable. The example will be corrected in the next edition of the SEER manual.

SINQ 20240025



Question: Is a diagnosis of “high grade dysplasia” (not specified to be squamous or glandular) reportable for esophagus, stomach, and small intestine for cases diagnosed beginning in 2024? If so, how should histology be coded? See Discussion.

Discussion: *SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual indicates high grade dysplasia of esophagus, stomach, and small intestine are reportable. The ICD-O-3.2 does not include “high grade dysplasia” as equivalent to “high grade squamous dysplasia.”*

If reportable, would high grade dysplasia (NOS) that originates in the stomach and small intestine default to 8148/2, while esophageal high grade dysplasia (NOS) default to 8077/2?

Answer: Report these high grade dysplasia of the following organs as stated below.

Stomach: Assign code 8148/2 glandular intraepithelial neoplasia, high grade using the Other Sites Solid Tumor Rules, Table 6: Stomach Histologies and as described in the WHO Classification of Digestive Tumors, 5th edition.

Small intestine and Esophagus: Assign code 8148/2 glandular intraepithelial neoplasia, high grade, using the Other Sites Solid Tumor Rules, Other Sites Histology Rules, Rule H4/H26. The following note is listed for both of these rules.

Note: This list may not include all reportable neoplasms for 8148/2. See SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual or STORE manual for reportable neoplasms.

The Other Sites Solid Tumor Rules, Table 5: Esophagus Histologies and Table 7: Small Intestine and Ampulla of Vater Histologies will be updated to reflect this code as time permits.

SINQ 20240021



Reminder: Code all first course treatment even if it was performed at an outside facility. The expectation is to provide complete treatment for all cases and may require contacting other facilities if treatment is performed elsewhere.



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Hospital Contact List

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Frances had a deep understanding of our coding rules and consistently advocated for the thorough collection of high-quality data. It is in her memory that we celebrate excellent abstractors with this award.



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