

California Cancer Registry

Production Automation and Quality Control Unit

PAQC Memo #2015-001

Category: Coding Clarification

Subject: Coding Grade for Non-invasive Urothelial Bladder Tumors Diagnosed 1/1/2014 and forward

The data field "Grade" for Non-Invasive Urothelial Bladder Tumors is to be coded according to rules applicable to the year of diagnosis.

Cases Diagnosed 2014 and forward:

- Refer to California Cancer Reporting System Standards, **Volume 1, V.3.7.2**, Coding for Solid tumors, Grade and Differentiation
 - If a grade is given for an in situ tumor, code it. Do **NOT** code grade for dysplasia such as high grade dysplasia.
 - If there are both in situ and invasive components, code only the grade for the invasive portion even if its grade is unknown.
 - See also SEER SINO 20150022 ("... use the grade stated on the pathology report to code grade..., UNLESS the grade is stated to be WHO/ISUP grade.")
- Solid tumor grade rules are hierarchical. Follow the grade coding instructions in order to determine the rules applicable to a specific case.
- Do not confuse Grade coding instructions with Collaborative Stage SSF 1 notes. Collaborative stage instructions are not applicable to grade.
- *DSQC Memo 2010-01 does NOT apply to cases diagnosed 2014 and forward.*

Cases diagnosed prior to 2014:

See applicable **historical** coding instructions in Volume I, V.3.7 Grade and Differentiation and DSQC Memo 2010-01.

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