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ICD-10 Pathology Update

On October 1, 2014, the ICD-9-CM code set that is used to report medical diagnoses in the United States will be replaced with the ICD-10-CM code set. The new code set provides more than 68,000 codes, compared to 13,000 in ICD-9, and introduces alphanumeric category classifications for the first time.

Through their medical reports, providers are the source of the information from which the diagnosis codes are derived that will be submitted to payers for claims processing. As such, attention will need to be given to enhancing that documentation to provide the additional detail needed for proper code assignment. This newsletter is part of a series provided by APS Medical Billing that illustrates the changes that will occur in transitioning to the new code set for sample conditions and details the additional documentation needed in medical reports to facilitate final code assignment in ICD-10.

This edition of our ICD-10 Newsletter will take a look at the expansion of diagnosis codes for malignant neoplasms of the breast. Please review for the vital information needed for correct diagnosis code assignment, come October 1, 2014.

MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS OF THE BREAST

The two changes seen in ICD-10-CM for coding malignant neoplasms of the breast are the introduction of codes that specify laterality, and site-specific codes for males.

For correct diagnosis code assignment under the ICD-10-CM nomenclature, dictation should identify:

- Gender
 - Male
 - Female
- Site
 - Nipple/areola
 - Central portion
 - Upper-inner quadrant
 - Lower-inner quadrant
 - Upper-outer quadrant



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- Lower-outer quadrant
- Axillary tail
- Other site, including:
 - Contiguous/overlapping sites
 - Ectopic sites
 - Inner breast
 - Outer breast
 - Upper breast
 - Lower breast
 - Midline
- Unspecified
- Laterality
 - Right
 - Left

MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF BREAST: FEMALE

In ICD-9-CM, there are 9 codes available, differentiated by site. The ICD-10-CM nomenclature expands the code set to 27, incorporating the requirement for laterality in final code assignment.

ICD-9-CM CODE		ICD-10-CM CODE	
174.0	Malignant neoplasm of female breast, nipple and areola	C50.011	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, right female breast
		C50.012	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, left female breast
		C50.019	Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, unspecified female breast
174.1	Malignant neoplasm of female breast, central portion	C50.111	Malignant neoplasm of central portion of right female breast
		C50.112	Malignant neoplasm of central portion of left female breast
		C50.119	Malignant neoplasm of central portion of unspecified female breast
174.2	Malignant neoplasm of female breast, upper-inner quadrant	C50.211	Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant of right female breast
		C50.212	Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant of left female breast
		C50.219	Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant of unspecified female breast



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174.3	Malignant neoplasm of female breast, lower-inner quadrant	C50.311 Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant of right female breast C50.312 Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant of left female breast C50.319 Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant of unspecified female breast
174.4	Malignant neoplasm of female breast, upper-outer portion	C50.411 Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of right female breast C50.412 Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of left female breast C50.419 Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant of unspecified female breast
174.5	Malignant neoplasm of female breast, lower-outer portion	C50.511 Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of right female breast C50.512 Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of left female breast C50.519 Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant of unspecified female breast
174.6	Malignant neoplasm of female breast, axillary tail	C50.611 Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of right female breast C50.612 Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of left female breast C50.619 Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail of unspecified female breast
174.8	Malignant neoplasm of female breast, other specified sites	C50.811 Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of right female breast C50.812 Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of left female breast C50.819 Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites of unspecified female breast
174.9	Malignant neoplasm of female breast, unspecified	C50.911 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of right female breast C50.912 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of left female breast C50.919 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site of unspecified female breast



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MALIGNANT NEOPLASM OF BREAST: MALE

In ICD-9-CM, there are 2 codes available differentiated by the sites of areola and nipple, and other and unspecified. The ICD-10-CM nomenclature expands the code set to 27, incorporating the requirement for laterality and specific site in final code assignment.

ICD-9-CM CODE	ICD-10-CM CODE
175.0 Malignant neoplasm of male breast, areola and nipple	C50.021 Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, right male breast C50.022 Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, left male breast C50.029 Malignant neoplasm of nipple and areola, unspecified male breast
175.9 Malignant neoplasm of male breast, other and unspecified sites	C50.121 Malignant neoplasm of central portion, right male breast C50.122 Malignant neoplasm of central portion, left male breast C50.129 Malignant neoplasm of central portion, unspecified male breast C50.221 Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant, right male breast C50.222 Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant, left male breast C50.229 Malignant neoplasm of upper-inner quadrant, unspecified male breast C50.321 Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant, right male breast C50.322 Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant, left male breast C50.329 Malignant neoplasm of lower-inner quadrant, unspecified male breast C50.421 Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant, right male breast C50.422 Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant, left male breast C50.429 Malignant neoplasm of upper-outer quadrant, unspecified male breast C50.521 Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant, right male breast C50.522 Malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant, left male breast C50.529 malignant neoplasm of lower-outer quadrant, unspecified male breast C50.621 Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail, right male breast



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	C50.622 Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail, left male breast
	C50.629 Malignant neoplasm of axillary tail, unspecified male breast
	C50.821 Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites, right male breast
	C50.822 Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites, left male breast
	C50.829 Malignant neoplasm of overlapping sites, unspecified male breast
	C50.921 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site, right male breast
	C50.922 Malignant neoplasm of unspecified site, left male breast
	C50.929 Malignant neoplasm of breast of unspecified site, unspecified male breast