

RX. SUMMARY - SCOPE OF REG LN SURGERY (NAACCR ITEM #1292) (FORDS pg. 138; SEER pg. 178)**Definition**

Indicates the removal, biopsy, or aspiration of **regional** lymph nodes at the time of surgery of the primary site or during a separate surgical procedure.

Explanation

This information is used to compare and evaluate the extent of surgical treatment.

Coding Instructions

1. The scope of regional lymph node surgery is collected for surgical procedure(s) of lymph nodes even if surgery of the primary site is not performed. Codes 0–7 are hierarchical. Code the procedure that is numerically higher.
2. Information to be coded for this data field is **cumulative**. It is appropriate to add the number of all the lymph nodes removed during each surgical procedure performed as part of the first course treatment.
3. Document and code the **SCOPE OF REG LN SURGERY** using the chart on the following page.
4. If the operative report lists a lymph node dissection but no nodes were found by the pathologist, code the **SCOPE OF REG LN SURGERY** to 0 (No lymph nodes removed).
5. If the patient has two primaries with common regional lymph nodes, code and document the removal of regional nodes for both primaries.
6. Code to 9 for:
 - a. Primaries of the meninges, brain, spinal cord, cranial nerves, and other central nervous system (C70.0–C70.9, C71.0–C71.9, C72.0–C72.9).
 - b. Lymphomas (M-9590–9596, 9650–9719, 9727–9729) with a lymph node primary site (C77.0–C77.9).
 - c. Hematopoietic, reticuloendothelial, immunoproliferative, or myeloproliferative disease
 - i. Primary sites: C42.0, C42.1, C42.3, or C42.4 (all histologies)
 - ii. Histologies: 9750, 9760–9764, 9800–9820, 9826, 9831–9920, 9931–9964, 9980–9989 (all sites)
 - iii. Unknown or ill defined sites (C80.9, C76.0–C76.8) (all histologies)
 - d. Pituitary Gland (C75.1), Craniopharyngeal Duct (C75.2), and Pineal Gland (C75.3)
7. Do not code **distant** lymph nodes removed during surgery to the primary site in this field. Record distant lymph node removal in Surgical Procedure Other Site.
8. Refer to the *Collaborative Staging System Manual* or *Appendix A* of the 2008 CRH for site-