

**Merkel Cell Carcinoma, Skin [excl. Merkel cell carcinoma of vulva, penis and scrotum]****C44.0, C44.2-C44.9**

(M-8247)

C44.0 Skin of lip, NOS

C44.2 External ear

C44.3 Skin of ear and unspecified parts of face

C44.4 Skin of scalp and neck

C44.5 Skin of trunk

C44.6 Skin of upper limb and shoulder

C44.7 Skin of lower limb and hip

C44.8 Overlapping lesion of skin

C44.9 Skin, NOS

**Note 1:** This schema is NOT used for Merkel cell carcinoma of the vulva, penis, or scrotum. Each of these has a separate schema.

**Note 2:** Laterality must be coded for C44.2-C44.3 and C44.5-C44.7. For codes C44.3 and C44.5, if the tumor is midline (e.g., chin), code as 5, midline, in the laterality field.

**Note 3:** Merkel cell carcinoma presenting in nodal or visceral site with primary site unknown are coded to C44.9, Skin, NOS.

**MerkelCellSkin****CS Tumor Size**

**Note:** Code the specific tumor size as documented in the medical record. If the ONLY information regarding tumor size is the physician's statement of the T category, assign code 992, 995 or 996.

Code	Description
000	No mass/tumor found
001-988	001 - 988 millimeters (code exact size in millimeters)
989	989 millimeters or larger
990	Microscopic focus or foci only and no size of focus given
991	Described as "less than 1 cm"
992	Described as "less than 2 cm," or "greater than 1 cm," or "between 1 cm and 2 cm" Stated as T1 with no other information on size
993	Described as "less than 3 cm," or "greater than 2 cm," or "between 2 cm and 3 cm"
994	Described as "less than 4 cm," or "greater than 3 cm," or "between 3 cm and 4 cm"

Code	Description
995	Described as "less than 5 cm," or "greater than 4 cm," or "between 4 cm and 5 cm" Stated as T2 with no other information on size
996	Described as "greater than 5 cm" Stated as T3 with no other information on size
999	Unknown; size not stated Not documented in patient record

**MerkelCellSkin****CS Extension**

**Note 1:** In the case of multiple simultaneous tumors, code the tumor with greatest extension.

**Note 2:** Skin ulceration does not alter the Collaborative Stage classification.

**Note 3:** In-transit metastasis is coded in the CS Lymph Nodes field.

**Note 4:** If the ONLY information regarding the tumor extension is the physician's statement of the T category, assign code 600, 610, or 620. (Refer to CS Tumor Size table for instructions on coding tumor size).

Code	Description	TNM 7 Map	TNM 6 Map	SS77 Map	SS2000 Map
000	In situ: noninvasive	Tis	Tis	IS	IS
100	Lesion(s) confined to dermis	^	*	L	L
400	Localized, NOS	^	*	L	L
500	Subcutaneous tissue (through entire dermis)	^	*	L	L
600	Stated as T1 with no other information on extension	^	*	L	L
610	Stated as T2 with no other information on extension	^	*	L	L
620	Stated as T3 with no other information on extension	^	*	L	L
700	Underlying cartilage, bone, skeletal muscle	T4	T4	D	RE

Code	Description	TNM 7 Map	TNM 6 Map	SS77 Map	SS2000 Map
800	Further contiguous extension	T4	T4	D	D
950	No evidence of primary tumor	T0	T0	U	U
999	Unknown extension Primary tumor cannot be assessed Not documented in patient record	TX	TX	U	U

^ For Extension codes 100, 400, 500, 600, 610 and 620 ONLY, the T category is assigned based on the value of CS Tumor Size as shown in the Extension Size Table for this site.

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#### CS Tumor Size/Ext Eval

See Standard Table

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#### CS Lymph Nodes

**Note 1:** Code only regional nodes and nodes, NOS, in this field. Distant nodes are coded in the field Mets at DX.

**Note 2:** In-transit metastasis is defined as a tumor distinct from the primary lesion and located either between the primary lesion and the draining regional lymph nodes or distal to the primary lesion. In-transit metastasis is coded in the CS Lymph Nodes field.

**Note 3:** According to AJCC, "there is no lower threshold of tumor burden defining the presence of regional nodal metastasis. Specifically, nodal tumor deposits less than 0.2 mm in diameter (previously used as the threshold for defining nodal metastasis), are included in the staging of nodal disease as a result of the consensus that smaller volumes of metastatic tumor are still clinically significant". This means that any finding of Merkel cell carcinoma in lymph nodes, regardless of size and including isolated tumor cells (ITCs), should be coded positive lymph nodes in this field.

Code	Description	TNM 7 Map	TNM 6 Map	SS77 Map	SS2000 Map
000	None; no regional lymph node involvement	N0	N0	NONE	NONE
100	Regional lymph nodes by primary site (includes bilateral or contralateral nodes for head, neck, and trunk) Head and Neck:	^	N1	RN	RN

Code	Description	TNM 7 Map	TNM 6 Map	SS77 Map	SS2000 Map
100 cont'd	All subsites: Cervical Lip: Mandibular, NOS: Submandibular (submaxillary) External ear/auditory canal: Mastoid (post-/retro-auricular) (occipital) Preauricular Face, Other (cheek, chin, forehead, jaw, nose and temple): Facial, NOS: Buccinator (buccal) Nasolabial Mandibular, NOS: Submandibular (submaxillary) Parotid, NOS: Infra-auricular Preauricular Scalp: Mastoid (post-/retro-auricular) (occipital) Parotid, NOS: Infra-auricular Preauricular Spinal accessory (posterior cervical) Neck: Axillary Mandibular, NOS Mastoid (post-/retro-auricular) (occipital) Parotid, NOS: Infra-auricular Preauricular Spinal accessory (posterior cervical) Supraclavicular (transverse cervical) Upper Trunk: Axillary Cervical	^	N1	RN	RN

Code	Description	TNM 7 Map	TNM 6 Map	SS77 Map	SS2000 Map
100 cont'd	Internal mammary (parasternal) Supraclavicular (transverse cervical) Lower Trunk: Femoral (superficial inguinal) Arm/Shoulder: Axillary Epitrochlear for hand/forearm Spinal accessory for shoulder Leg/Hip: Femoral (superficial inguinal) Popliteal for heel and calf All sites: Regional lymph node(s), NOS	^	N1	RN	RN
200	Head and Neck: Lip: Facial, NOS: Buccinator (buccal) Nasolabial Submental Parotid, NOS: Infra-auricular Preauricular Face, Other (cheek, chin, forehead, jaw, nose, and temple): Submental Neck: Submental	^	N1	D	RN
300	200 + 100 Regional lymph nodes coded in 200 plus regional lymph nodes coded in 100	^	N1	D	RN
320	Stated as N1a with no other information on regional lymph nodes	N1a	N1	RN	RN
340	Stated as N1b with no other information on regional lymph nodes	N1b	N1	RN	RN

Code	Description	TNM 7 Map	TNM 6 Map	SS77 Map	SS2000 Map
360	Stated as N1 [NOS] with no other information on regional lymph nodes	N1NOS	N1	RN	RN
400	In-transit metastasis WITHOUT regional lymph node involvement or involvement of regional lymph nodes not stated (see Note 2)	N2	N1	RN	RN
420	400 + 100 In-transit metastasis WITH regional lymph nodes listed in code 100 (see Note 2)	N2	N1	RN	RN
440	400 + 200 In-transit metastasis WITH regional lymph nodes listed in code 200 (see Note 2)	N2	N1	D	RN
460	400 + 100 + 200 In-transit metastasis WITH regional lymph nodes listed in codes 100 and 200 (see Note 2)	N2	N1	D	RN
480	Stated as N2 [NOS] with no other information on regional lymph nodes	N2	N1	D	RN
800	Lymph nodes, NOS	^	N1	RN	RN
999	Unknown; not stated Regional lymph nodes cannot be assessed Not documented in patient record	NX	NX	U	U

^ For codes 100, 200, 300, and 800 ONLY, the N category for AJCC 7th Edition is assigned based on the value of Site-Specific Factor 3, Clinical Status of Lymph Node Mets, as shown in the CS Lymph Nodes and Clinical Status table.

**MerkelCellSkin****Reg LN Pos**

**Note:** Record this field even if there has been preoperative treatment.

**See Standard Table**

**MerkelCellSkin****Reg LN Exam**

**See Standard Table**

**MerkelCellSkin****CS Mets at DX**

**Note:** In-transit metastasis is coded in the CS Lymph Nodes field.

Code	Description	TNM 7 Map	TNM 6 Map	SS77 Map	SS2000 Map
00	No; none	M0	M0	NONE	NONE
10	Distant lymph node(s)	M1a	M1	D	D
15	Metastasis to skin or subcutaneous tissue	M1a	M1	D	D
20	Stated as M1a with no other information on distant metastases	M1a	M1	D	D
30	Lung	M1b	M1	D	D
35	30 + (10 or 15) Metastasis to lung plus distant lymph node(s) or skin or subcutaneous tissue	M1b	M1	D	D
37	Stated as M1b with no other information on distant metastases	M1b	M1	D	D
40	OBSOLETE DATA RETAINED V0200 Distant metastasis, NOS Distant metastases except distant lymph node(s) (code 10) Carcinomatosis	ERROR	M1	D	D
45	All other visceral sites	M1c	M1	D	D

Code	Description	TNM 7 Map	TNM 6 Map	SS77 Map	SS2000 Map
45 cont'd	Distant metastases except distant lymph node(s), skin or subcutaneous tissue, or lung (codes 10, 15, 30 or 35) Carcinomatosis	M1c	M1	D	D
50	OBSOLETE DATA RETAINED V0200 (10) + (40) Distant lymph node(s) plus other distant metastases	ERROR	M1	D	D
55	45 + (any of 10, 15 or 30)Metastases to other visceral sites plus any of distant lymph node(s), skin, subcutaneous tissue, or lung	M1c	M1	D	D
57	Stated as M1c with no other information on distant metastases	M1c	M1	D	D
60	Distant metastasis, NOS Stated as M1 [NOS] with no other information on distant metastases	M1NOS	M1	D	D
99	Unknown if distant metastasis Distant metastasis cannot be assessed Not documented in patient record	M0	MX	U	U