

# 2023 Chapter 2: Neoplasms

## 2023 ICD-10-CM Conventions and Guidelines Changes



Updated ICD-10-CM Guidelines are available for use on October 1, 2022.

ICD-10-CM Guidelines are used to classify diagnoses, morbidities, and the reason for patient visit.

Chapter 2: Neoplasm guideline revision provides clarity on primary malignancy as the principal diagnosis when the patient is admitted for treatment other than the administration of chemotherapy, immunotherapy, or external beam radiation therapy.

### Admission/Encounter for treatment of primary site:

If the malignancy is chiefly responsible for occasioning the patient admission/encounter and treatment is directed at the primary site, designate the primary malignancy as the principal/first-listed diagnosis.

The only exception to this guideline is if the administration of chemotherapy, immunotherapy or external beam radiation therapy is chiefly responsible for occasioning the admission/encounter. In that case, assign the appropriate Z51.-- code as the first-listed or principal diagnosis, and the underlying diagnosis or problem for which the service is being performed as a secondary diagnosis.

### Example 1

Encounter for biopsy of liver; pathology confirmed liver cell carcinoma

Correct ICD-10

- C22.0 Liver Cell Carcinoma

### Example 2

Encounter for immunotherapy, liver cell carcinoma

Correct ICD-10

- Z51.12 Encounter for antineoplastic immunotherapy
- C22.0 Liver Cell Carcinoma