CRStar Insights
Coding Extranodal Lymphomas & Stage Descriptors

This CRStar Insight serves as a reminder that when coding extranodal lymphomas, the two-digit site code should always be coded to site 77 (Lymph Nodes) and the topography code to the extranodal site, i.e. stomach, lung, colon, etc. This groups these cases with the lymphomas for site distribution but gives the registrar the correct surgery and staging codes for the extra nodal site.

This CRStar Insight will also address the use of the Stage Descriptor field in coding these sites. This field allows for easy populating of these cases in reporting. The Insight also shows how to identify and correct cases of extranodal lymphoma not coded to site 77.

- Stage according to the Lymphoma staging scheme.
- In the Stage descriptor field, use code 1(E) extranodal, lymphomas only)

Code	Description
0	None
1	E (Extranodal, Lymphomas Only)
2	S (Spleen, Lymphomas Only)
3	M (Mult. Prim. Tumors in a Single Site)
4	Y (Class. During or After Multimodality Therapy)
5	E&S (Extranodal and Spleen)
6	M&Y (Mult. Prim. Tumors and Initial Multimodality Therapy)
9	Unknown

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Code surgical procedures to the extra nodal site, i.e.

Surgery Date			Dx Stg		Surg		SLNS		LNR		SORS	
03	03	2023	02	▾	A250	▾	0	▾				▾
mm	dd	yyyy		▾		▾		▾				▾

Surgery

Code	Description
15	Cryosurgery
14	Laser
20	Local tumor excision, NOS
26	Polypectomy
27	Excisional biopsy
21	Any combination of 20 or 26-27 WITH Photodynamic therapy (PDT)
22	Any combination of 20 or 26-27 WITH Electrocautery
23	Any combination of 20 or 26-27 WITH Cryosurgery
24	Any combination of 20 or 26-27 WITH Laser ablation
25	Laser excision

Populations of extranodal lymphomas can easily be selected by using the stage descriptor fields. In the example below the selection criteria are the stage descriptors for extranodal sites for a given year.

NOTE: To select all the extranodal lymphomas in the entire database, you can skip step 1 and just select the population based on items 805 and 806.
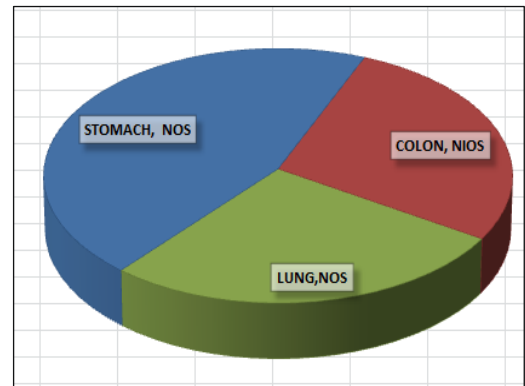

1. First select a population of cases for the year. In this example, _Dx Date Year EQ 2023_.
2. Create a subpopulation, by typing a new label. _2023 Extranodal Lymphomas_.
3. Delete line 1, item number 151 and enter _805 P Stage Descriptor EQ 1_ **OR** _806 C Stage Descriptor EQ 1_, then select.

There are many reports that can be generated from this population selection criteria.

ACC NBR	SITE CODE	TOPO	MORHO
1201300023	LYMPH NODES	STOMACH, NOS	95953
1201300562	LYMPH NODES	COLON, NOS	96803
1201300047	LYMPH NODES	LUNG, NOS	96823

If you have not been coding the extranodal lymphomas in the Stage descriptor fields, a global data change can be made after selecting a population of the extra nodal cases. Three populations will need to be selected.

1. For POP 1, select the population asking for Site 77 and Topography Code (Not equal) to C77*.
2. For POP 2, create a subpopulation. Type in a new label. Example: Extranodal Lymphomas Clinical Stage Descriptor.
3. Delete line 1 (133-Topo Code) and enter item number 371 as shown. This population will select cases where the P stg group is either blank or coded to 99. Use the logic OR.
4. For POP 3, in the new label, change Clinical Stg Descriptor to Path Stg Descriptor.
5. Change item numbers 371 to 124 as shown. This will select cases where the P stage descriptor is either blank or coded to 99. Use the logic OR.

Now that the populations have been selected, global changes can be made. It will be necessary to make two separate global changes. One for the Clinical Stage Descriptor and the other for the Path stage descriptor.

1. Log in as the System Administrator.
2. Under Sys Admin, go to Global Change.
3. Enter the population for the Extranodal Clinical descriptors. Enter item number 806 (C stg descriptor).
   In Change from type ALL and in Change to enter code 1.
4. Click OK.
5. Enter the population for the Extranodal Path descriptors. Enter item number 805 (P stg descriptor).
   In Change from type ALL and in Change to enter code 1.
6. Click OK.

IMPORTANT:

Please ensure you have a backup before performing global changes. Contact CRStar support before performing globals to ensure a backup has been done.

Also, make sure all users are out of the system before performing a backup and/or global changes.

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