# Cancer

*It is important to accurately document and code for cancer. Use these tips to assist you.*

When documenting cancer, it is imperative to include **site, laterality, source** (primary and/or secondary), and **status** of each neoplasm. For metastasis, it is imperative to document both the primary and secondary site(s).

## Documentation

Documenting "**active**" or "**history of/resolved**" is contingent on the clinical decision of the provider and needs to be recorded in the medical record. Here are some reminders to differentiate between the two:

### Active Cancer

For active cancer, the patient is:
▶ Newly diagnosed, awaiting treatment, or being monitored
▶ Patient opting out of treatment
▶ Undergoing chemotherapy or radiation
▶ Awaiting surgery
▶ On hormonal therapy for **curative** or **palliative** purposes

### History of/Resolved Cancer

For history of/resolved cancer, the patient is:
▶ Postoperative and all evidence of primary cancer has been excised
▶ Coming back for surveillance visits only
▶ On hormonal therapy for **prophylactic** purposes

## Leukemia and Multiple Myeloma

### Documentation

▶ Leukemia and multiple myeloma are the only cancers classified with additional designations of "**in remission**" or "**in relapse**" in ICD-10 diagnosis coding. Providers must clearly document the diagnosis.
▶ "**History of**," while uncommon when the onset of leukemia is in adults, may be considered when the onset is in childhood.

## Coding Tips

Please see **codes C90.- through C95.-** for the most appropriate "**in remission**" or "**in relapse**" code.

| Diagnosis Codes | |
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| Code | Description |
| C90.00 | Multiple myeloma not having achieved remission |
| C90.01 | Multiple myeloma in remission |
| C90.02 | Multiple myeloma in relapse |
| C91.00 | Acute lymphoblastic leukemia not having achieved remission |
| C91.01 | Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, in remission |
| C91.02 | Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, in relapse |
| C91.10 | Chronic lymphocytic leukemia of B-cell type not having achieved remission |
| C91.11 | Chronic lymphocytic leukemia of B-cell type in remission |
| C91.12 | Chronic lymphocytic leukemia of B-cell type in relapse |
| C92.00 | Acute myeloblastic leukemia, not having achieved remission |
| C92.01 | Acute myeloblastic leukemia, in remission |
| C92.02 | Acute myeloblastic leukemia, in relapse |

| Diagnosis Codes | |
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| Code | Description |
| C92.10 | Chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR/ABL-positive, not having achieved remission |
| C92.11 | Chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR/ABL-positive, in remission |
| C92.12 | Chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR/ABL-positive, in relapse |
| C95.00 | Acute leukemia of unspecified cell type not having achieved remission |
| C95.01 | Acute leukemia of unspecified cell type, in remission |
| C95.02 | Acute leukemia of unspecified cell type, in relapse |
| C95.10 | Chronic leukemia of unspecified cell type not having achieved remission |
| C95.11 | Chronic leukemia of unspecified cell type, in remission |
| C95.12 | Chronic leukemia of unspecified cell type, in relapse |
| C95.90 | Leukemia, unspecified not having achieved remission |
| C95.91 | Leukemia, unspecified, in remission |
| C95.92 | Leukemia, unspecified, in relapse |

# Commonly Missed Conditions in the Oncological Patient

**Documentation**

When treating your oncological patient, be sure to document and code other common disorders that can accompany their disease process (when appropriate).

## Coding Tips

Here are some of the most commonly overlooked diagnoses associated with oncology.

| Diagnosis Codes | |
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| Code | Description |
| Z93.1 | Gastrostomy status |
| Z93.2 | Ileostomy status |
| Z93.3 | Colostomy status |
| Z93.4 | Other artificial openings or gastrointestinal tract status |

| Diagnosis Codes | |
|---|---|
| Code | Description |
| Z93.50 | Unspecified cystostomy status |
| Z93.6 | Other artificial openings of urinary tract status |
| Z94.81 | Bone Marrow Transplant |
| Z94.84 | Stem Cells transplant status |

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