

## Risk Coding Tips and Tools

### Coding Prostate Cancer

#### Overview

Documentation and coding of prostate cancer presents a unique challenge since most cases of prostate cancer are slow-growing and can be observed and monitored for many years with no active treatment.

#### Coding Prostate Cancer as Current

Generally, prostate cancer is coded as current when the medical record clearly documents active treatment directed to cancer for cure or palliation and when the medical record clearly indicates prostate cancer is still present, however:

- Is unresponsive to treatment,
- The current treatment plan is observation-only or “watchful waiting”; or,
- The patient has refused any further treatment.

#### Coding Prostate Cancer as Historical

Code prostate cancer as historical (Z85.46), when the prostate cancer has been excised or eradicated, there is no active treatment directed to the prostate cancer, and there is currently no evidence of disease or recurrence.

#### Prostate-Specific Antigen (PSA) Blood Testing

- Documentation of ongoing PSA monitoring without evidence that the prostate cancer is still present does not support current prostate cancer.
- A final impression and plan of “prostate cancer-check PSA” is vague and ambiguous; it does not indicate current versus historical prostate cancer to check the PSA level.

#### Prostate Cancer Treatment

- Watchful waiting and active surveillance
- Prostatectomy
- Cryosurgery
- Radioactive seed implantation
- Chemotherapy
- Hormonal therapy



The term "**history of**" means the condition is historical and no longer exists as an existing problem in diagnosis coding.

Reference: <https://www.cancer.org/cancer/prostate-cancer.html>

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Cancer or Carcinoma of the Prostate codes	ICD-10 Codes
Malignant neoplasm of prostate	C61
Secondary malignant neoplasm, genital organs	C79.82
Carcinoma in situ of prostate	D07.5
Secondary malignant neoplasm of unspecified site	C79.9
Personal history of malignant neoplasm of prostate	Z85.46
Encounter for follow-up exam after completed treatment for malignant neoplasm	Z08

### Metastatic Prostate Cancer

The final diagnosis should indicate the primary and secondary sites. Consider these examples:

Example 1	Status or ICD Codes
<b>Final diagnosis</b>	<b>Metastatic prostate cancer</b>
Comment	This diagnostic statement is ambiguous. It is not completely clear whether the prostate is the primary or secondary site.
Example 1	Status or Care ICD Codes
<b>Final Diagnosis</b>	<b>Primary prostate cancer metastatic to the pelvic bone</b>
Comment	This diagnostic statement identifies the prostate as the primary and the pelvis bone as the secondary site.

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