

Inappropriate Use of Bone Scan for Staging Low-Risk Prostate Cancer Patients

Coding Specifications

Codes required to document patient has prostate cancer and is receiving interstitial prostate brachytherapy, external beam radiotherapy to the prostate, radical prostatectomy, or cryotherapy:

An ICD-9 diagnosis code for prostate cancer and a CPT procedure code are required to identify patients to be included in this measure.

Prostate cancer ICD-9 diagnosis codes

- 185 (malignant neoplasm of prostate)

AND

CPT procedure codes

- 55810, 55812, 55815 (prostatectomy, perineal radical),
- 55840, 55842, 55845 (prostatectomy, retropubic radical, with or without nerve sparing),
- 55866 (laparoscopy, surgical prostatectomy, retropubic radical, including nerve sparing),
- 55873 (cryosurgical ablation of the prostate),
- 77411, 77412, 77413, 77414, 77416 (radiation treatment delivery),
- 77418 (intensity modulated treatment delivery),
- 77427 (radiation treatment management),
- 77776, 77777, 77778 (interstitial radiation source application),
- 77784 (remote afterloading high intensity brachytherapy)

Quality codes for this measure (at least one of the following for every eligible patient):

CPT II Code descriptors

(Data Collection sheet should be used to determine appropriate combination of codes.)

- **CPT II 3271F:** Low risk of recurrence, prostate cancer
- **CPT II 3272F:** Intermediate risk of recurrence, prostate cancer
- **CPT II 3273F:** High risk of recurrence, prostate cancer
- **CPT II 3274F:** Prostate cancer risk of recurrence not determined or neither low, intermediate nor high
- **CPT II 3270F:** Bone scan not performed prior to initiation of treatment nor at any time since diagnosis of prostate cancer
- **CPT II 3269F-1P:** Documentation of medical reason(s) for performing a bone scan (including documented pain, salvage therapy, other medical reasons)
- **CPT II 3269F-3P:** Documentation of system reason(s) for performing a bone scan (including bone scan ordered by someone other than reporting physician)
- **CPT II 3269F:** Bone scan performed prior to initiation of treatment or at any time since diagnosis of prostate cancer

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