



COLLABORATIVE STAGE
DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM

A Practicum Approach to CS: Upper and Lower GI

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Survey Questions and Answers

266 Responses

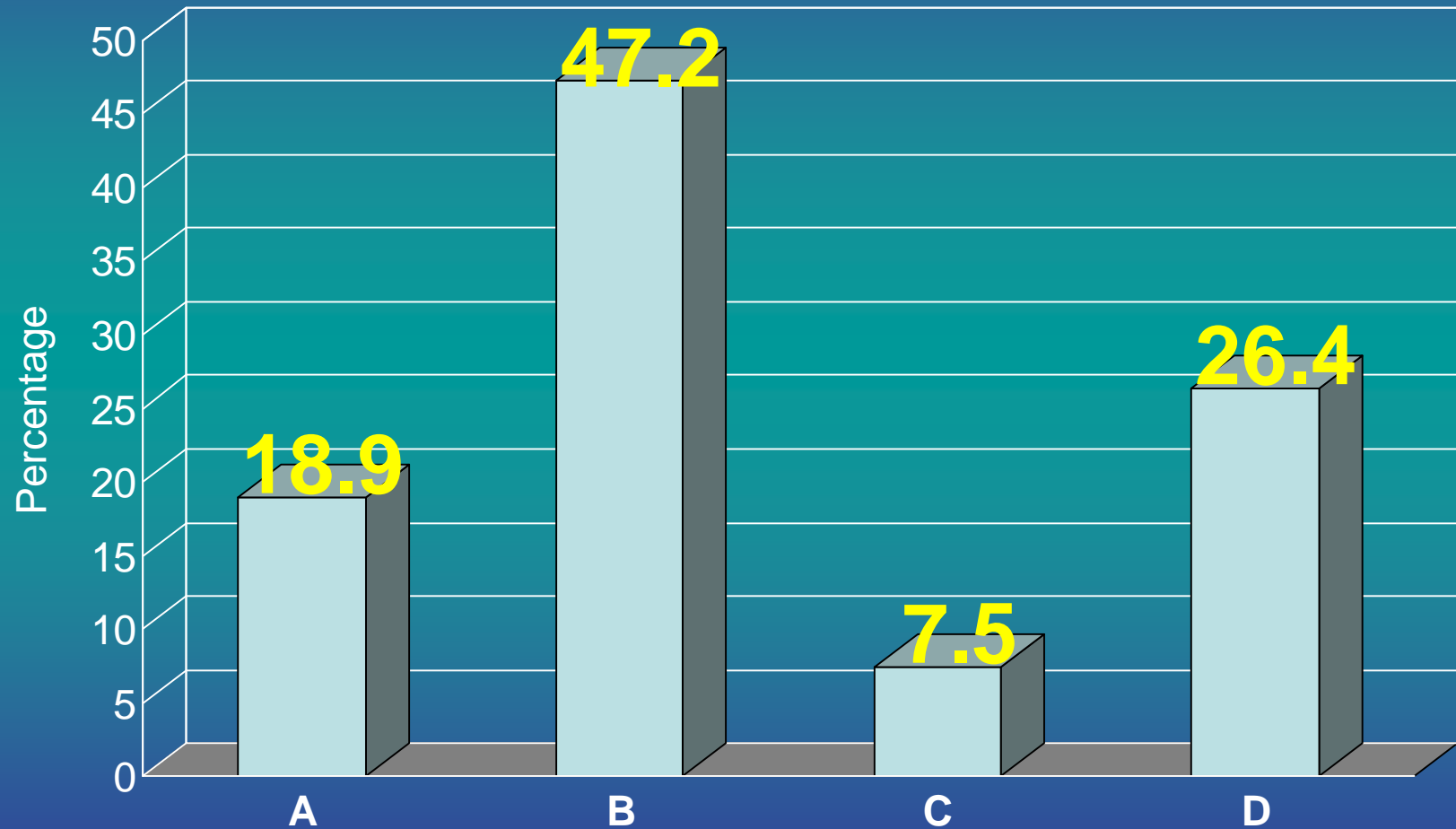
Question #1

- The endoscopy report states the esophageal tumor is first seen at 32 cm. There is no information on this report regarding the distal tumor edge.
- The pathology report states that the tumor is 5.5 cm in length.
- SSF 4 Distance to Proximal Edge is coded as 032.
- How is SSF5 Distance to Distal Edge of Tumor from Incisors coded?

#1 Answer Choices

- A. 375
- B. 038
- C. 037
- D. 999

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: B. 038
- The distance to the distal edge can be calculated if the distance to the proximal edge and the length of the tumor is known.
- The distance should be recorded to the nearest cm – 0-4 round down, 5-9 round up.
- It should not be coded as unknown since it can be calculated from the information that is available.

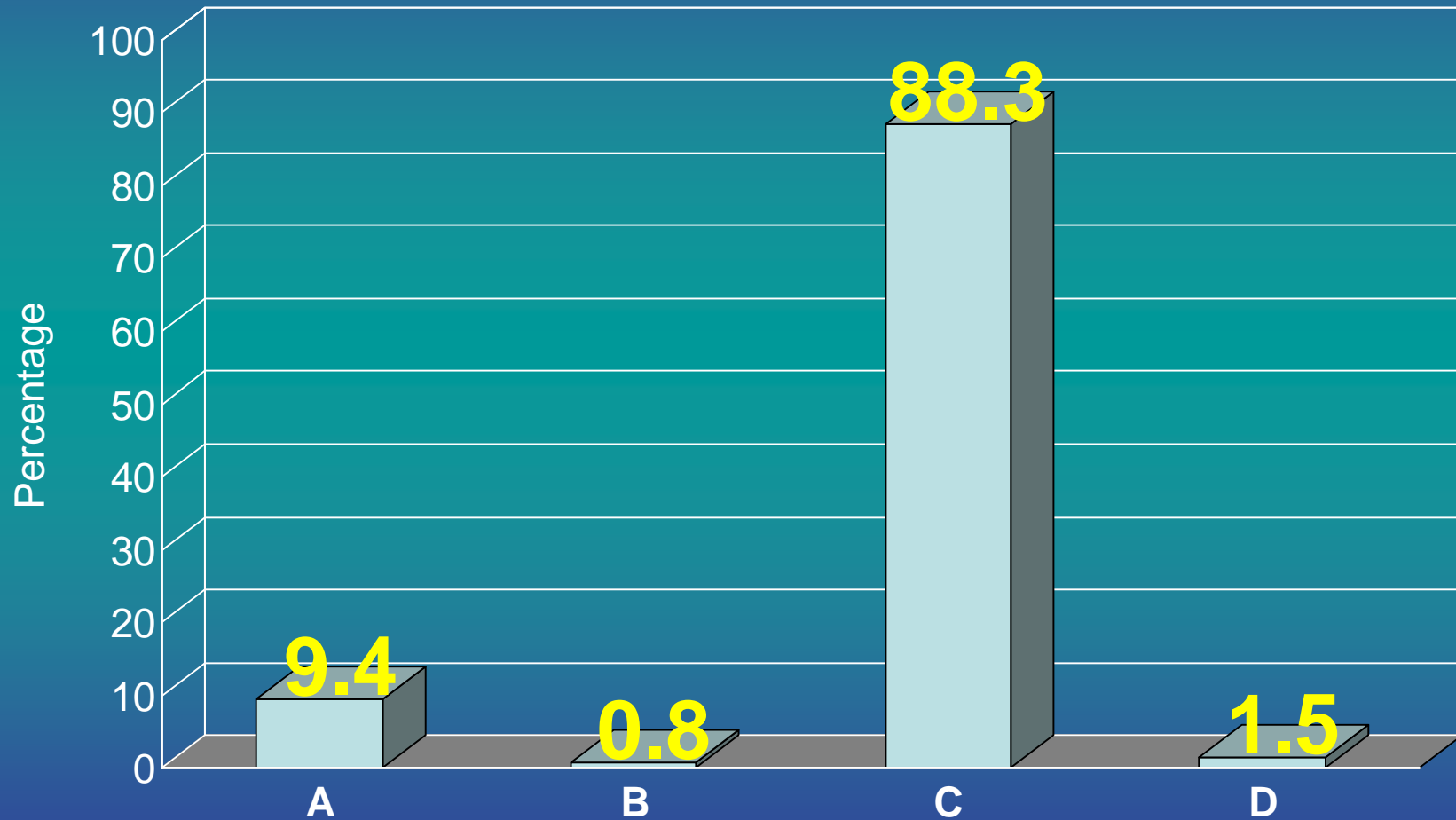
Question #2

- The pathology report on an esophageal case states there are 15 nodes examined and 7 positive nodes.
- None of the nodes have extracapsular extension.
- How is SSF3 Number of Nodes with Extracapsular Tumor coded?

#2 Answer Choices

- A. 990
- B. 997
- C. 000
- D. 999

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: C. 000
- Code 000 is to be used when there is no extracapsular extension, even if the nodes are positive for tumor.
- If extracapsular extension is not mentioned, you cannot assume, and must code 990 for positive nodes with no statement about extracapsular extension.

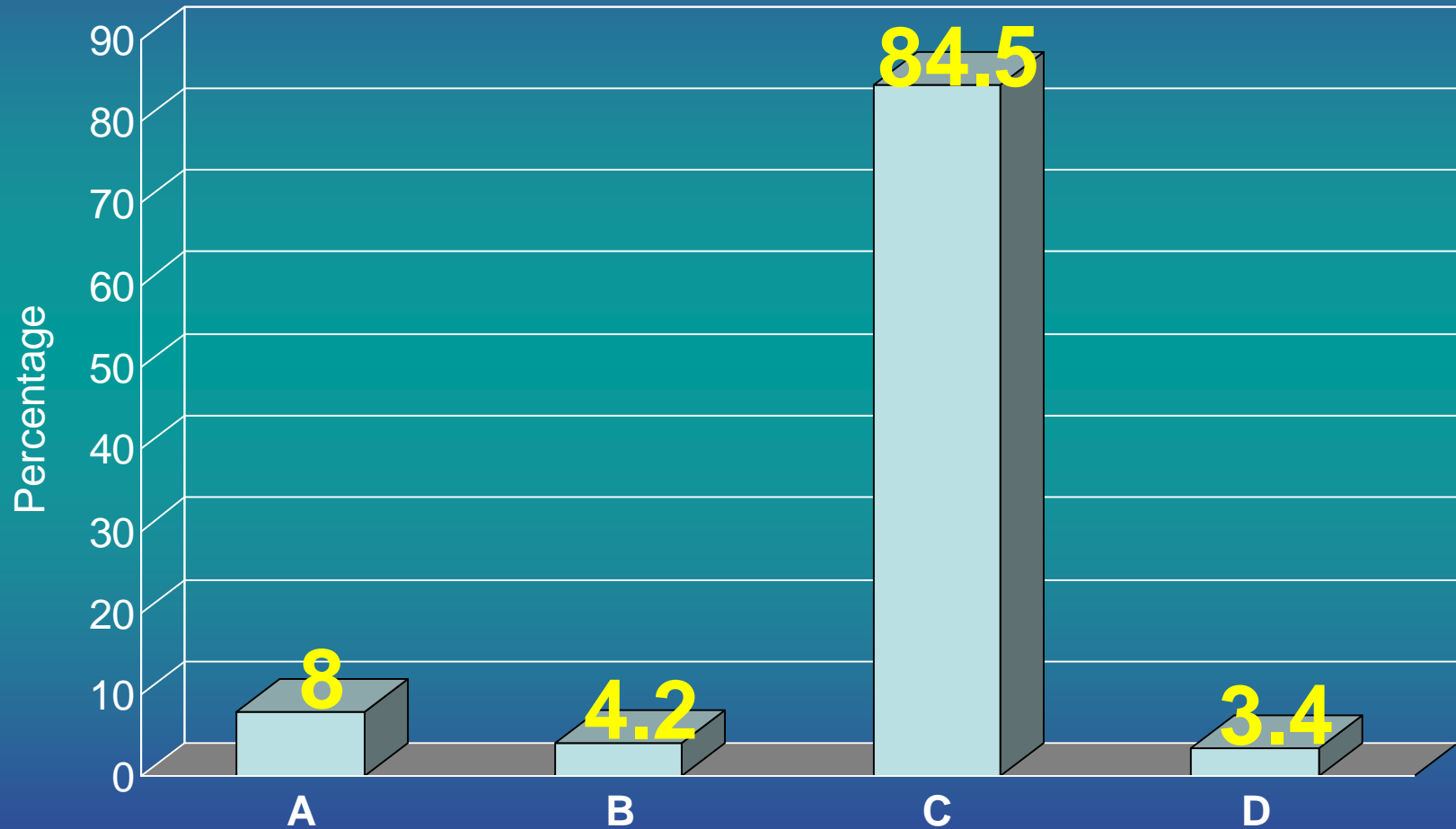
Question #3

- A patient with esophagogastric junction cancer has N3 disease on a CT scan, and one lymph node is biopsied showing adenocarcinoma.
- The patient undergoes neoadjuvant treatment with chemotherapy followed by esophagectomy.
- The resection pathology report shows 5 out of 24 nodes involved.
- How is SSF1 Clinical Assessment of Regional Lymph Nodes coded?

#3 Answer Choices

- A. 100
- B. 200
- C. 300
- D. 400

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: C. 300
- The biopsy information is part of the diagnostic workup (clinical staging) and can be used, but the imaging showed a larger number of nodes, N3 disease which is 7 or more nodes involved.
- The patient responded to the neoadjuvant therapy and N2 disease was remaining at the time of surgery.
- This data field will provide the correct clinical N3, instead of the N based on the number of nodes positive and examined.

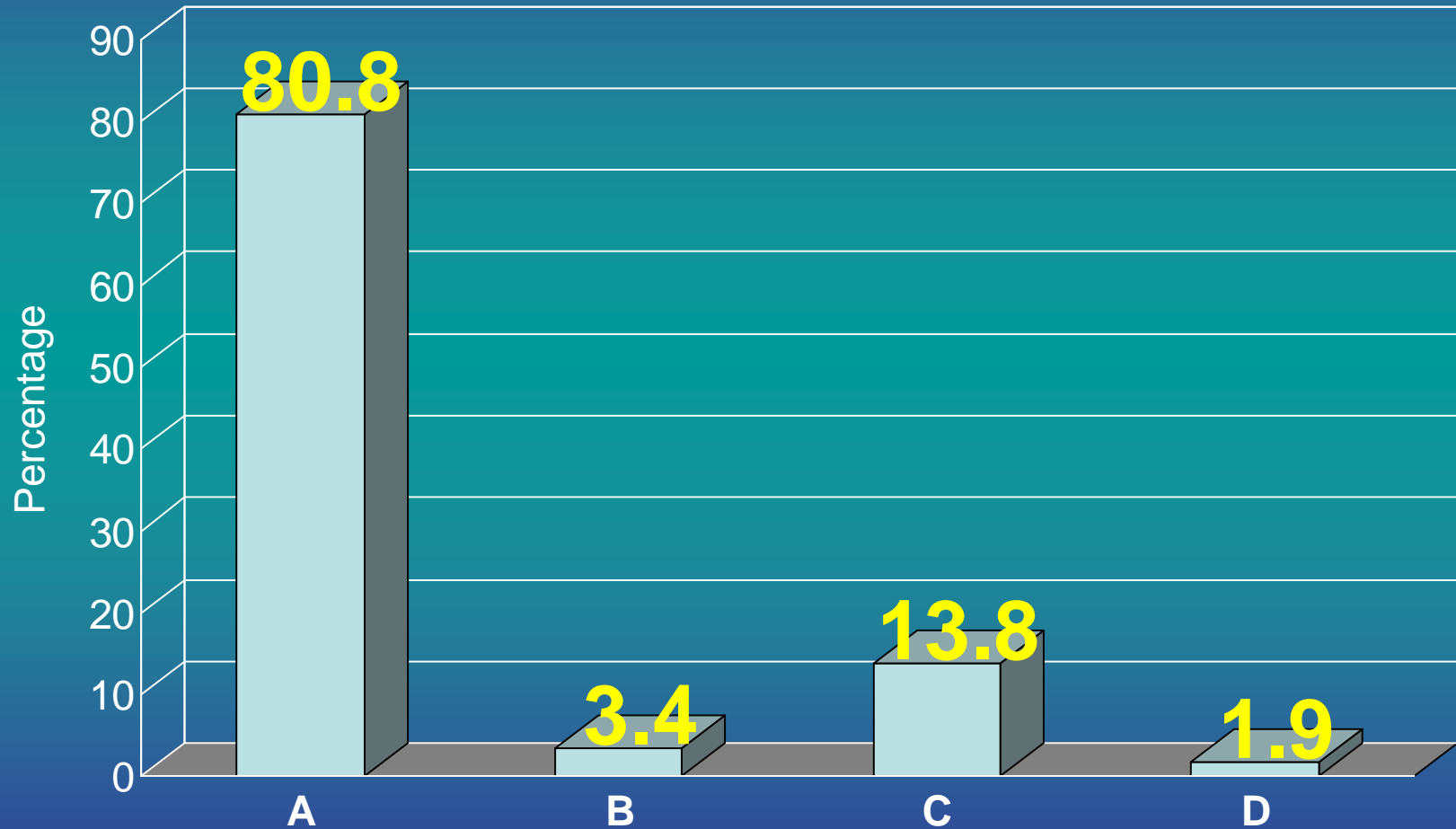
Question #4

- A patient has a tumor in the fundus of the stomach, 2cm from the EG junction and the tumor extends to the EG junction.
- How is SSF 25 Schema Discriminator coded?

#4 Answer Choices

- A. 020
- B. 030
- C. 000
- D. 010

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: A. 020
- The tumor arises in the stomach within 5cm of the EG junction and involves the EG junction, so it is staged with the EsophagusGEJunction schema, not the stomach schema.
- This is for primary site codes C16.1 fundus and C16.2 body.
- There are 981 and 982 codes for the other stomach site codes.

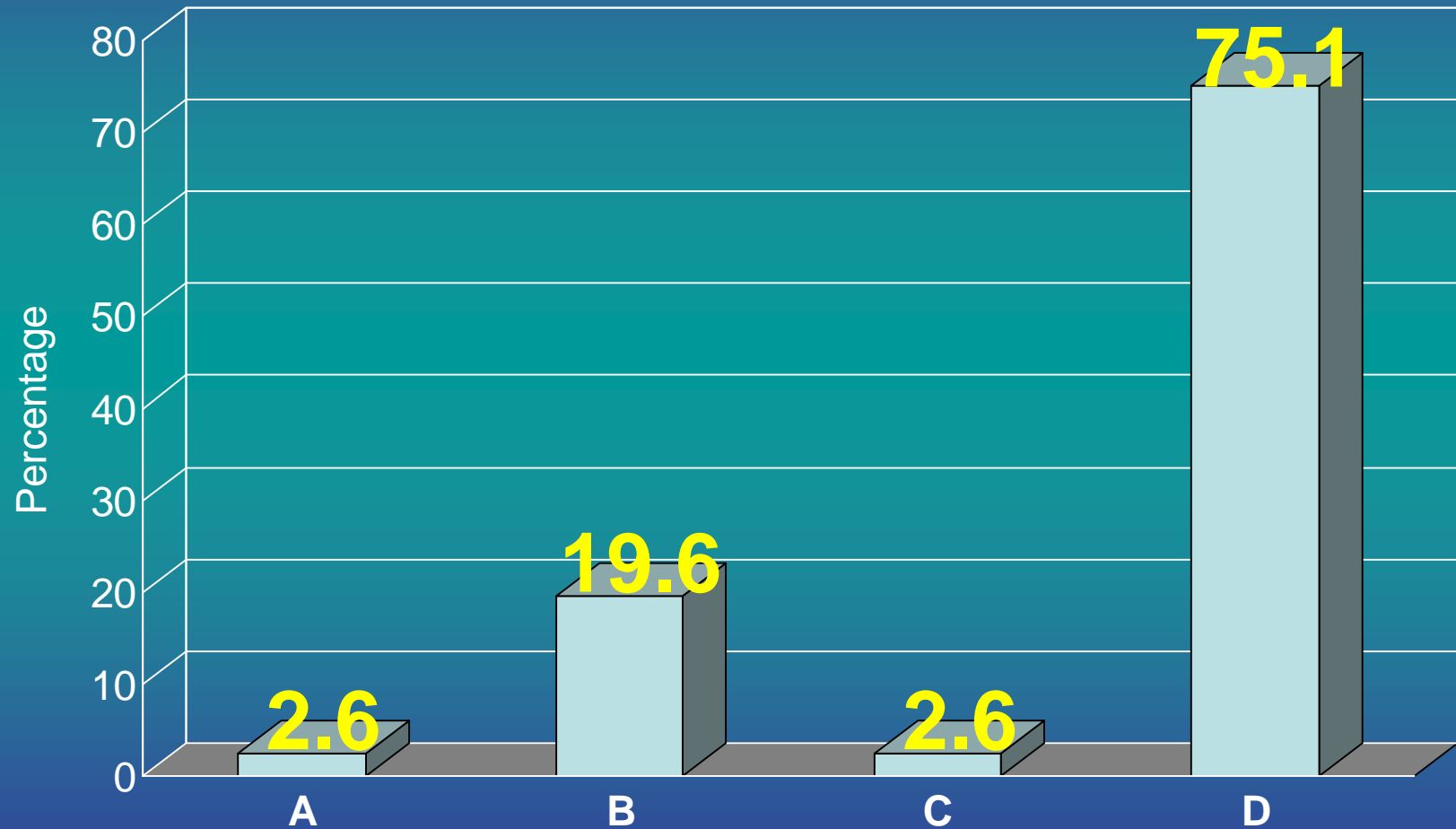
Question #5

- The patient has multiple GIST small intestine tumors.
- It is not clear in the record whether these are distant metastases or if independent tumors.
- The physician was unable to be consulted.
- How is SSF10 Tumor Multiplicity coded?

#5 Answer Choices

- A. 998
- B. 999
- C. 000
- D. 010

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: D. 010
- When multiple tumors are present and it is not stated whether they are metastases or independent tumors, a physician should be consulted.
- If a decision cannot be made, the rule is to code this site-specific factor as multiple GIST tumors.

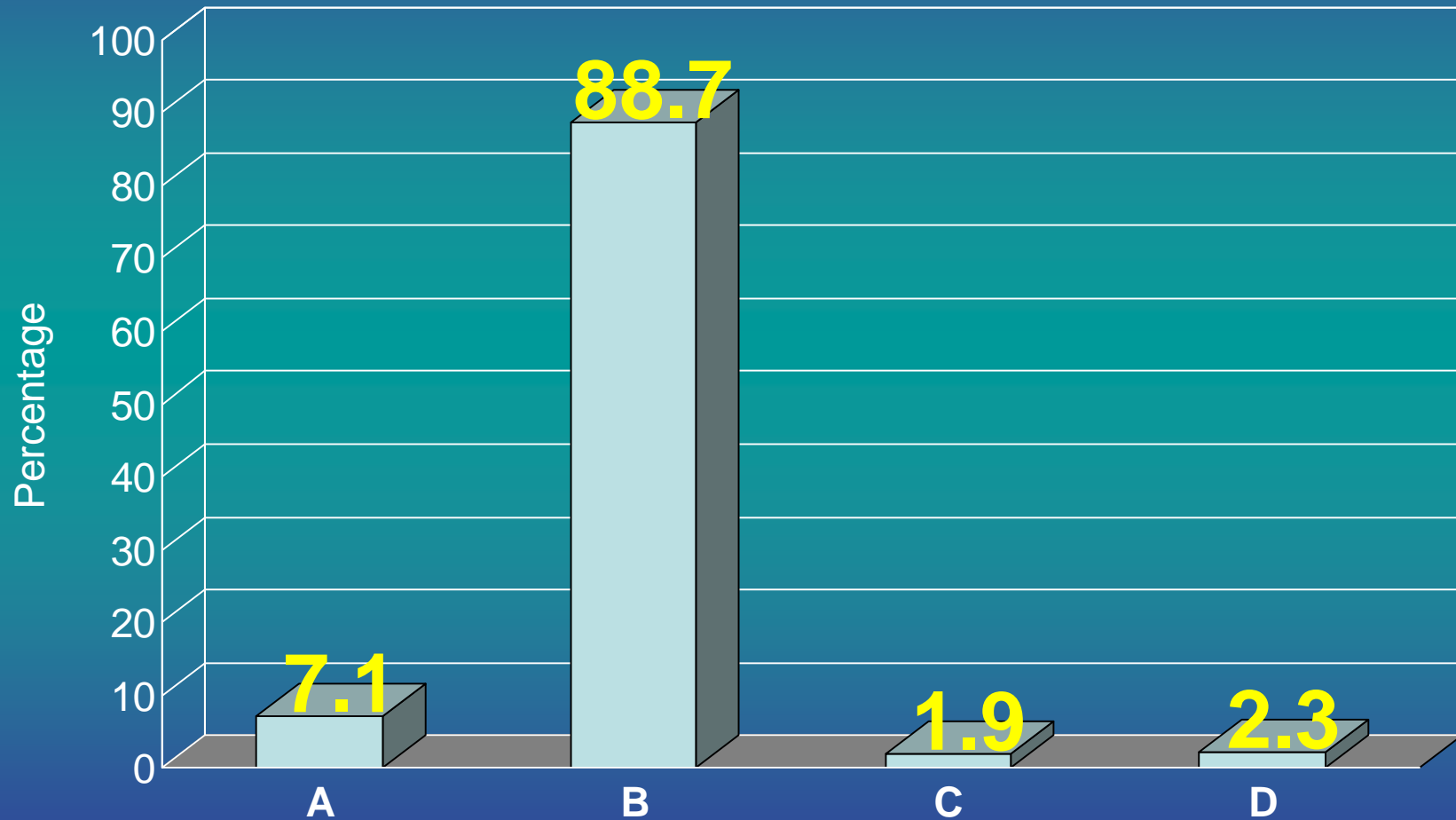
Question #6

- Clinical lab report documents pre-treatment CEA lab value for patient with adenocarcinoma of cecum as < 0.4 .
- What is the code for SSF3, Carcinoembryonic Antigen (CEA) Lab Value?

#6 Answer Choices

- A. 003
- B. 004
- C. 997
- D. 999

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: B. 004
- Note 5 preceding the SSF3 codes for appendix, colon, and rectum documents: “For an uncertain value, record the stated closest value.”

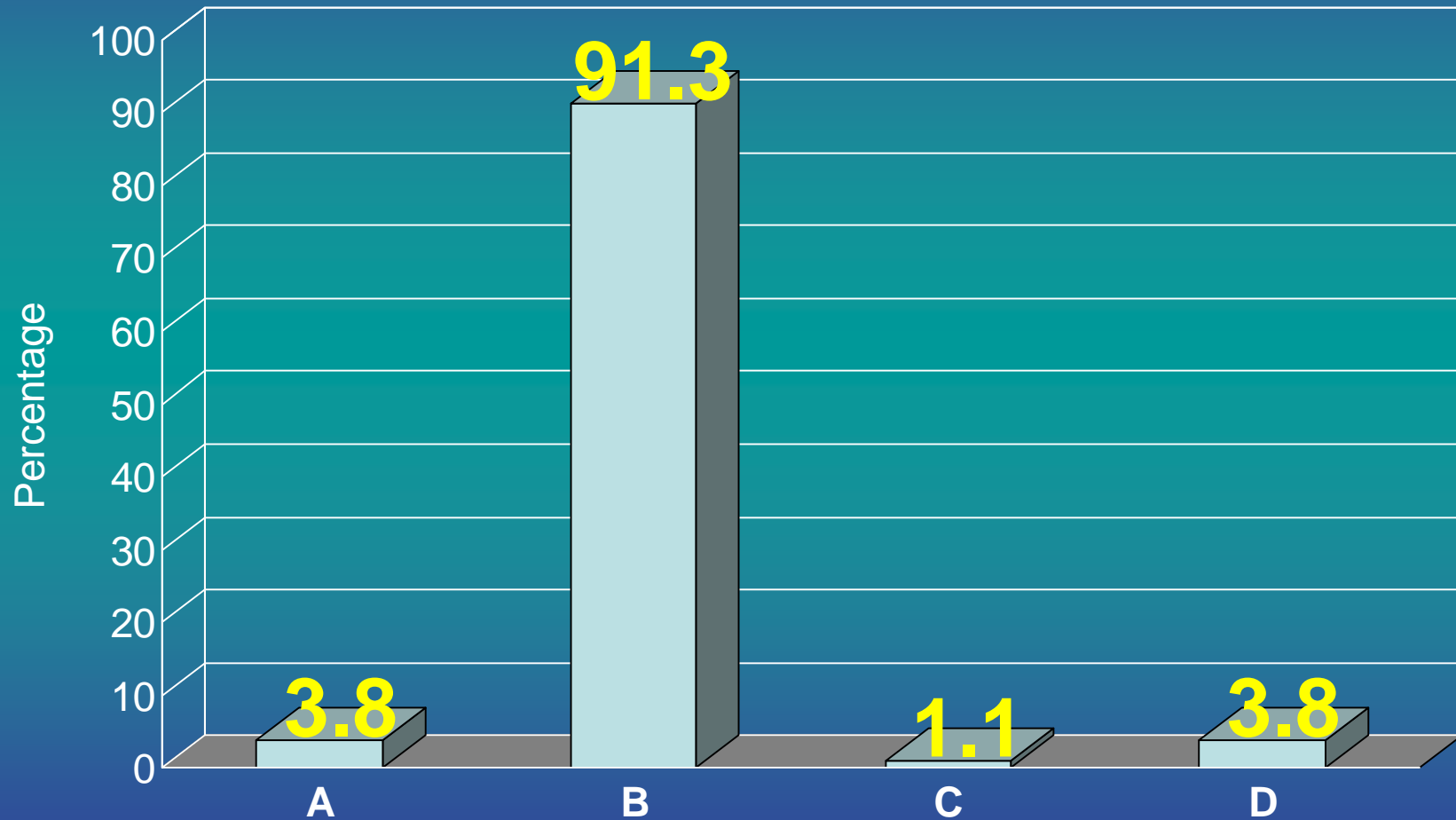
Question #7

- Final pathologic diagnosis:
 - Adenocarcinoma of descending colon
 - Extending into pericolic fat
 - 2 of 13 malignant pericolic nodes
 - 1 satellite nodule in pericolic fat positive for malignancy
- What is the code for SSF4, Tumor Deposits?

#7 Answer Choices

- A. 000
- B. 001
- C. 002
- D. 003

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: B. 001
- There is 1 satellite nodule (tumor deposit) without evidence of residual lymph node in the pericolic fat that is malignant.
- Do not count the positive lymph nodes.
- See Collaborative Stage Data Collection System Instructions Part I - Section 2 - Page 38 Version 02.03.02.

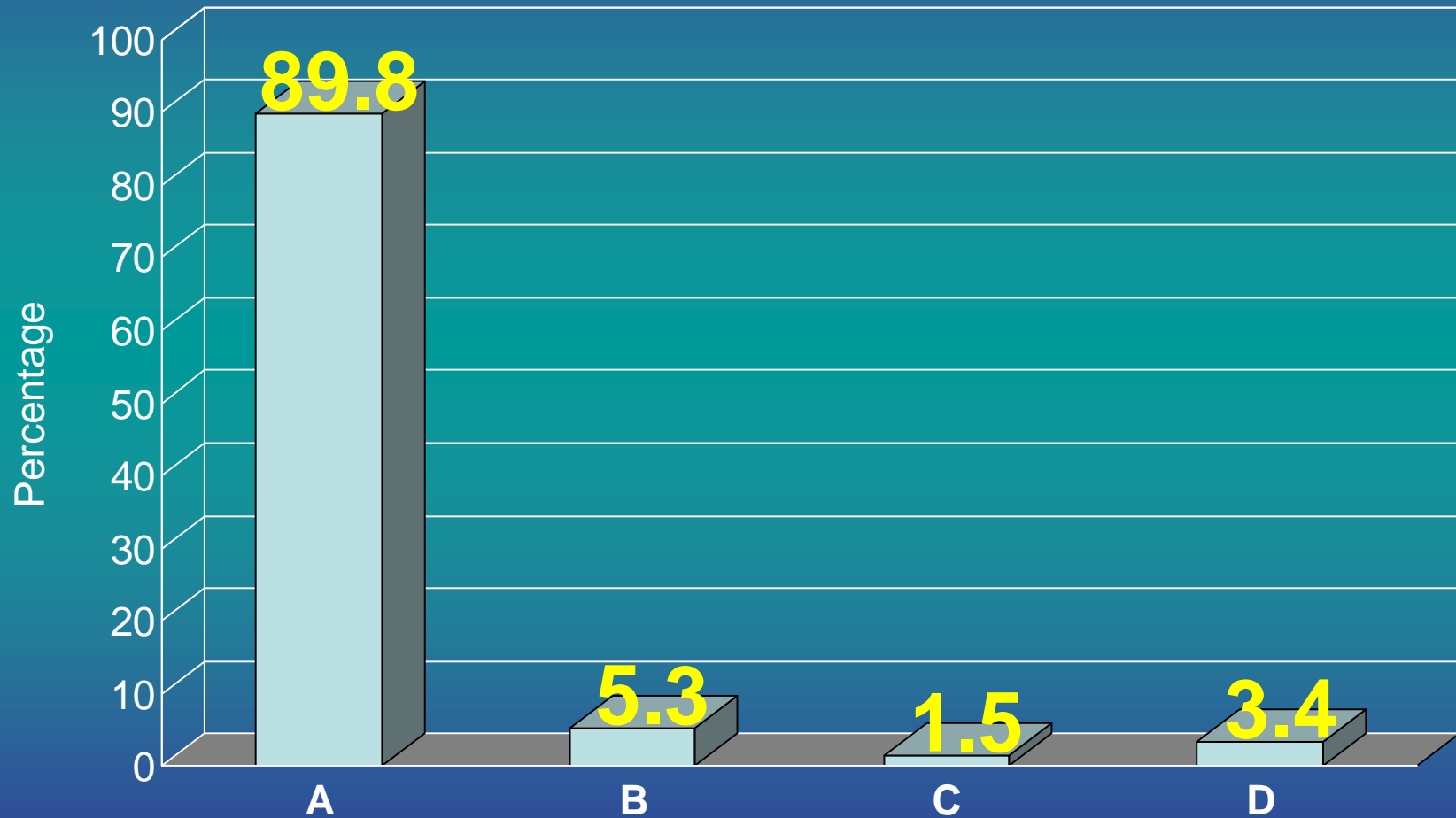
Question #8

- Patient diagnosed with adenocarcinoma of rectum is treated with neoadjuvant chemotherapy followed by low anterior resection.
- Surgical pathology diagnosis is no residual tumor.
- What is the code for SSF5, Tumor Regression Grade?

#8 Answer Choices

- A. 000
- B. 990
- C. 998
- D. 999

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: A. 000
- Because there is no residual tumor from surgery performed after neoadjuvant chemotherapy.
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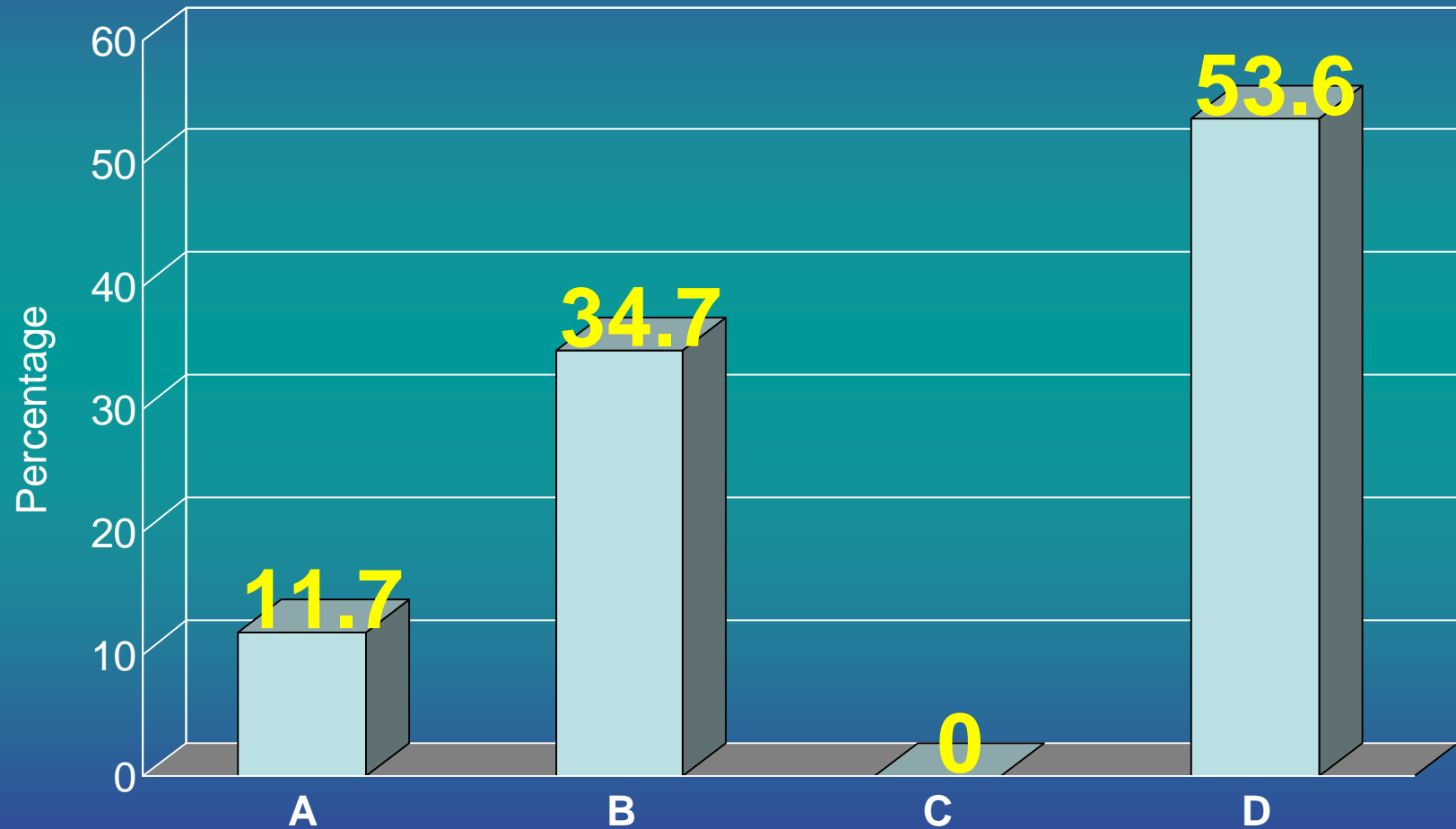
Question #9

- Final pathologic diagnosis:
 - Adenocarcinoma of right colon
 - Proximal margin is uninvolved by invasive carcinoma
 - Distal margin is uninvolved by invasive carcinoma
 - Circumferential radial or mesenteric margin is uninvolved by invasive carcinoma
 - Distance of invasive carcinoma from closest margin is 2 mm from peritoneal surface
- What is the code for SSF6, Circumferential Resection Margin?

#9 Answer Choices

- A. 002
- B. 020
- C. 200
- D. 991

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: D. 991
- The radial margin or CRM is stated to be uninvolved by tumor, but the distance is not stated.
- See Collaborative Stage Data Collection System Instructions Part I - Section 2 - Page 39 Version 02.03.02.

Question #10

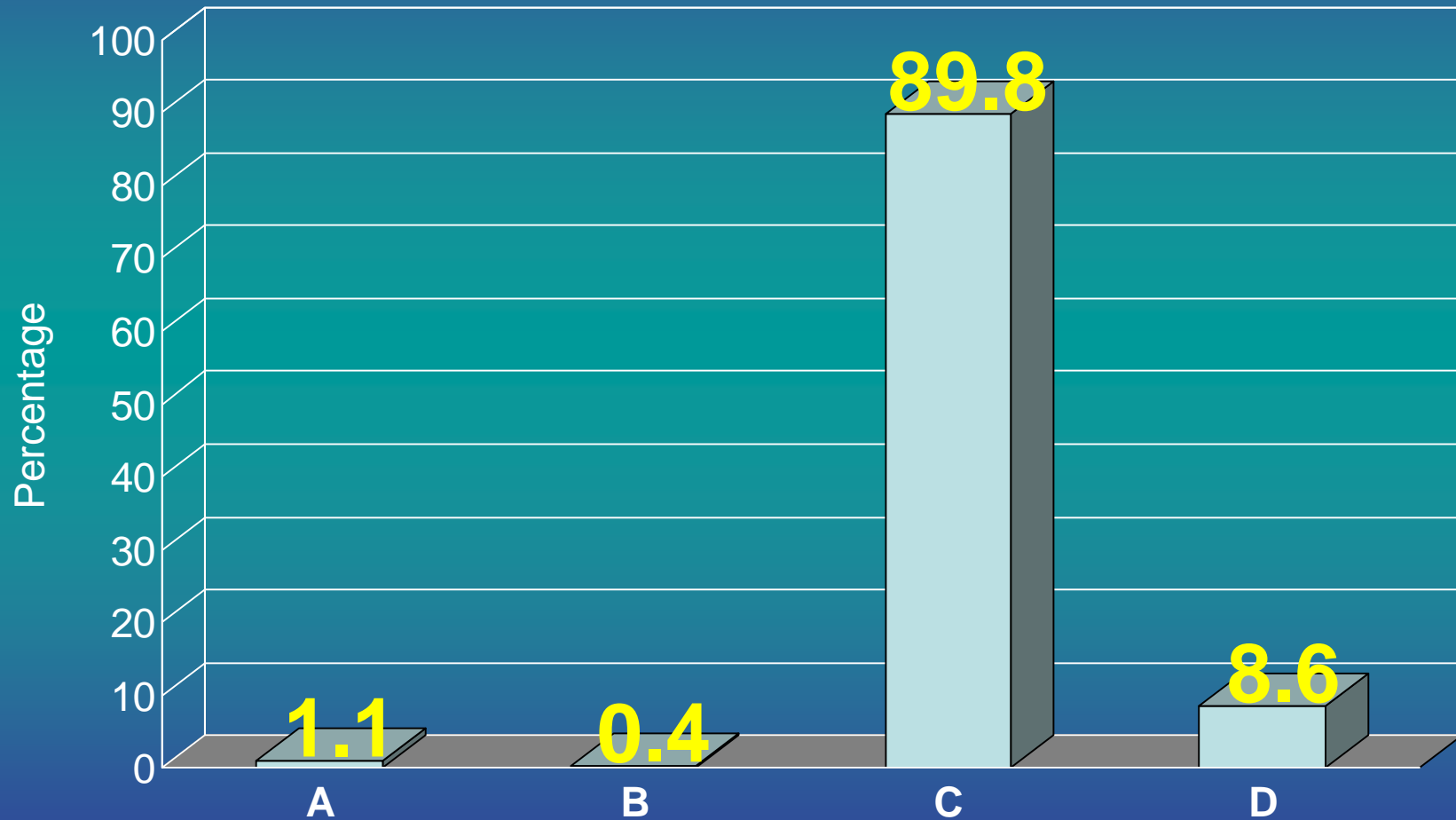
- Genetic testing performed by immunology for 40-year-old patient with colonic adenocarcinoma.
- Lab report documents that MSI is present.
- What is the code for SSF7, Microsatellite Instability (MSI)?

#10 Answer Choices

- A. 040
- B. 050
- C. 060
- D. 999



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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: C. 060
- MSI present means that it is unstable, but it does not document if the MSI is unstable low or high.
- See Collaborative Stage Data Collection System Instructions Part I - Section 2 - Page 15 Version 02.03.02.

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