



COLLABORATIVE STAGE
DATA COLLECTION SYSTEM

A Practicum Approach to CS: GU – Prostate, Testis, Bladder, Kidney, Renal Pelvis

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Survey Questions and Answers

250 Responses

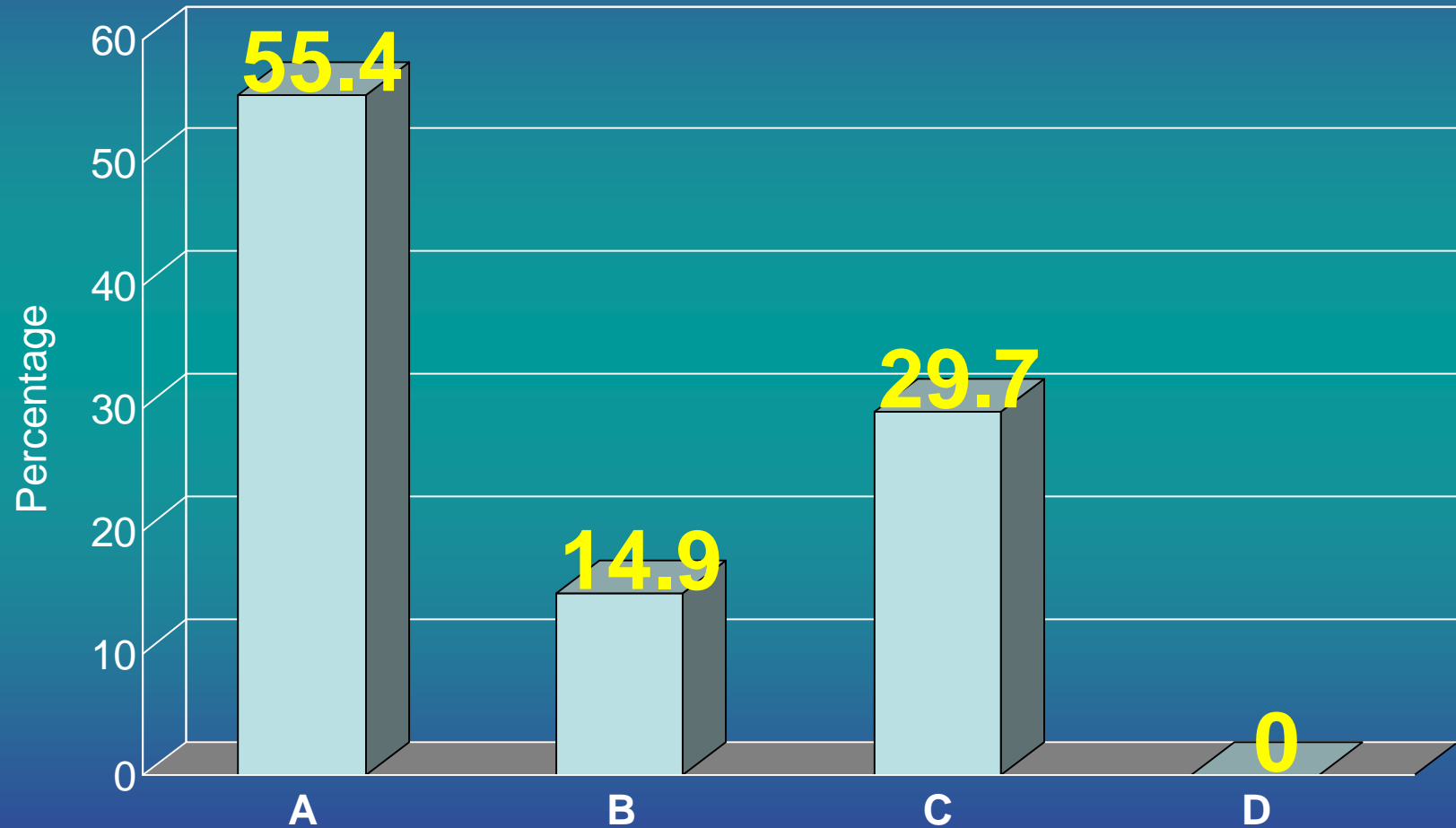
Question #1

- A gentleman has a needle core biopsy on March 30, 2011.
- Which of the following PSA's would be recorded in SSF 1?
 - 34.2 in November 2010
 - 31.6 in January 2011
 - 26.9 in March 22, 2011

#1 Answer Choices

- A. 34.2
- B. 31.6
- C. 26.9
- D. Unknown

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: B. 31.6
- Per the coding instructions in CS, (Part I, Section II, v02.03, pg. 110), “If more than one PSA test is given in the three months prior to treatment, record the highest value even if it is not the closest to initiation of treatment.”
- PSA 34.2 is outside the three month window.
- The PSA’s from January and March are within the 3 month window and the 31.6 from January is the higher of the two.

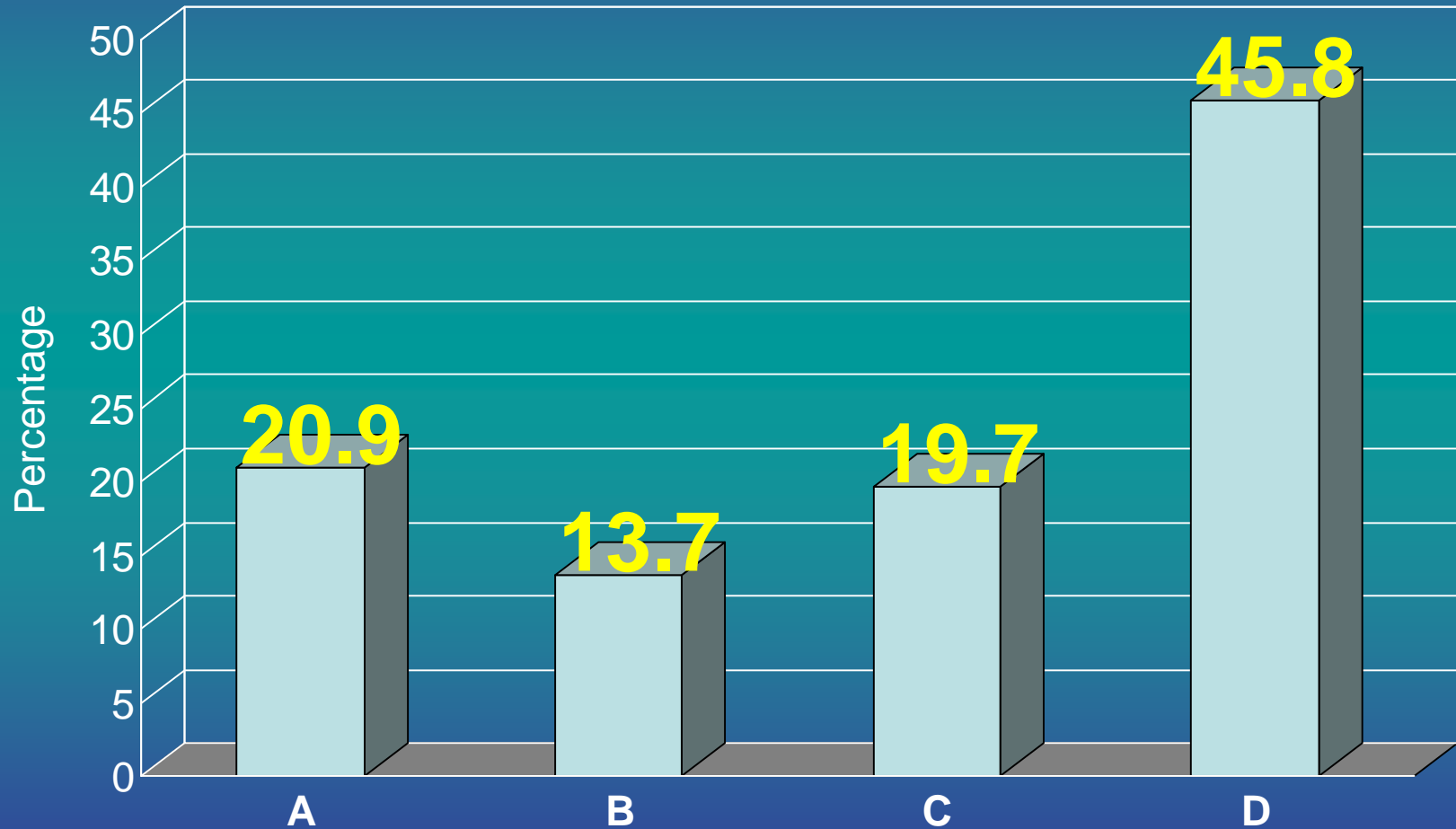
Question #2

- What are SSF 12 (Number of Cores Positive) and SSF 13 (Number of Cores Examined) based on the following?
 - Specimen: Prostate, right base, right mid, right apex, left base, left mid, left apex
 - Final Pathologic diagnosis:
 - Benign prostatic tissue with mild chronic inflammation x 2
 - Benign prostatic tissue
 - Adenocarcinoma, Gleason 7 (3+4), involving 10 to 50% of 3 cores
 - Adenocarcinoma, Gleason 7 (3+4), involving 10 to 90% of 4 cores
 - Adenocarcinoma, Gleason 7 (3+4), involving 10 to 20% of 2 cores

#2 Answer Choices

- A. SSF 12: 009, SSF 13: 009
- B. SSF 12: 009, SSF 13: 012
- C. SSF 12: 991, SSF 13: 991
- D. SSF 12: 009, SSF 13: 991

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: D. SSF 12: 009, SSF 13: 991
- Per the final pathology report, there are 9 positive cores.
- There were 6 total anatomic locations biopsied but the number of cores biopsied is not documented.
- Code 991, biopsy cores examined, number unknown, is coded for number of cores examined.

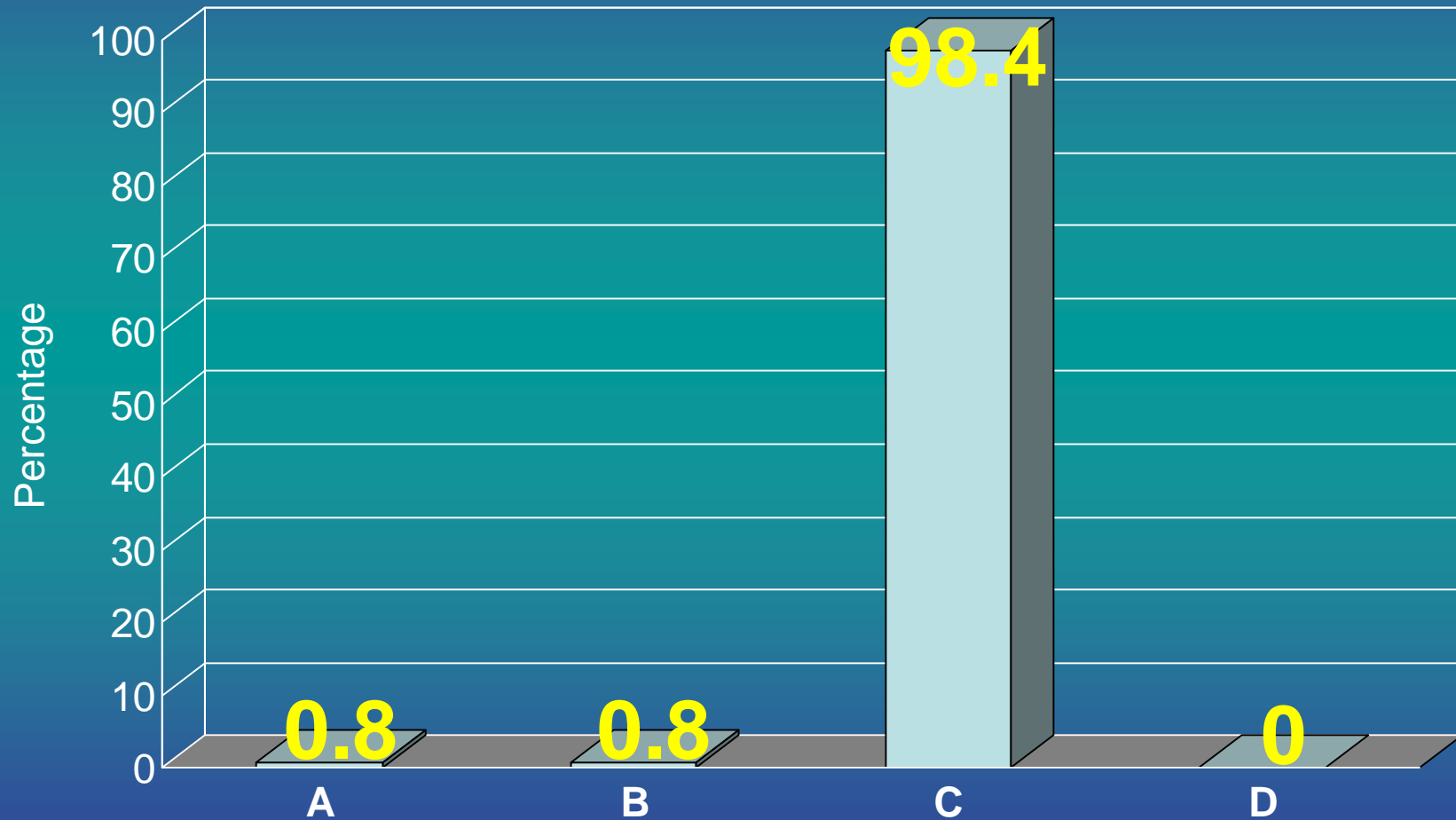
Question #3

- Prostate case has two needle core biopsies taken.
- The first needle core biopsy shows Gleason score of $2+5=7$.
- The second needle core biopsy shows Gleason score of $4+4=8$.
- How do you code SSF 7?

#3 Answer Choices

- A. 052
- B. 025
- C. 044
- D. 099

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: C. 044
- Per the CS manual, you record the Gleason values with the highest score, which is the $4+4=8$.

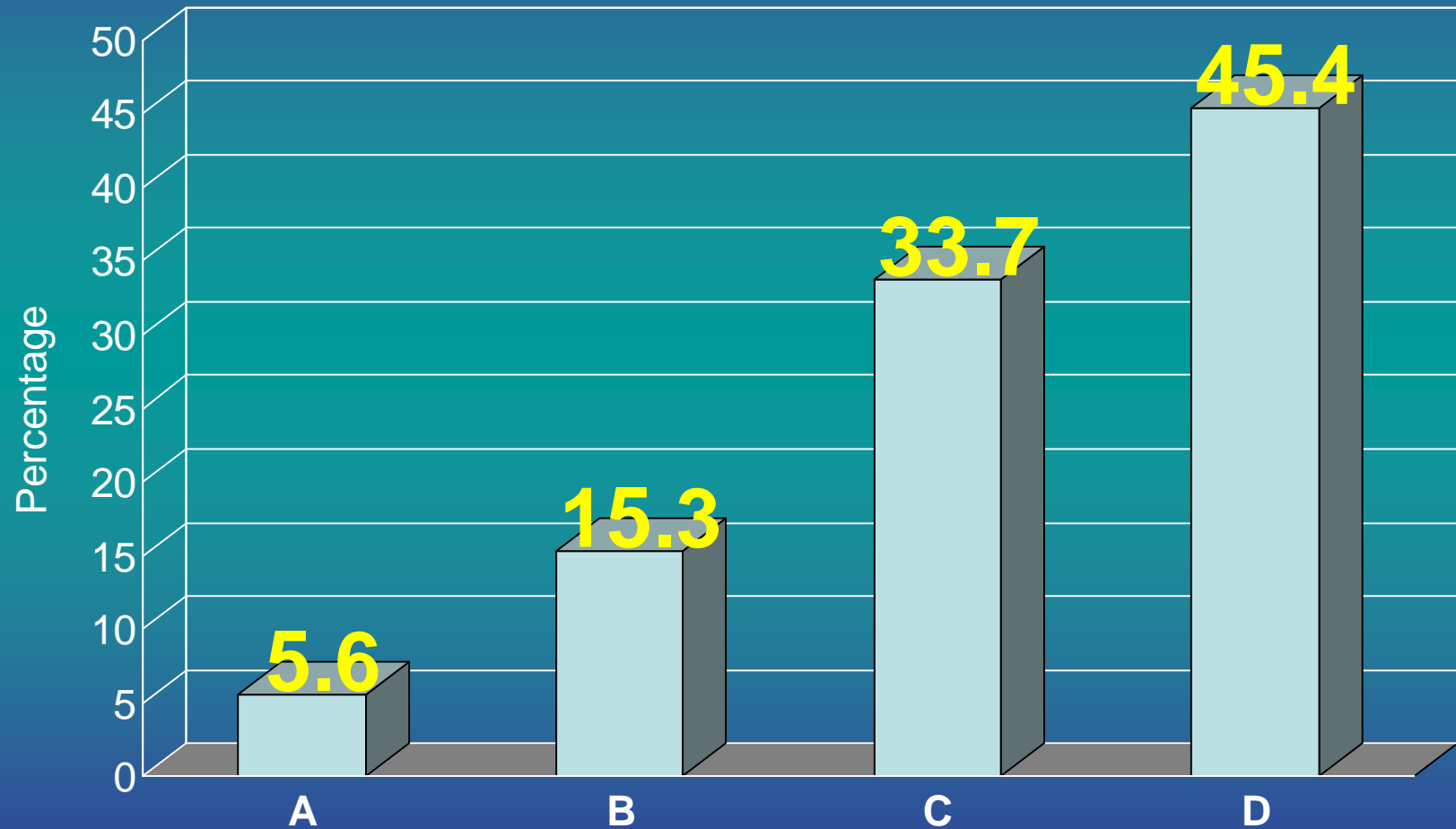
Question #4

- A patient was diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- Due to other medical conditions, watchful waiting was chosen.
- Four months later, patient had a prostatectomy, which showed bilateral involvement of lobes with extracapsular extension invasion and margins.
- How do you code SSF 3?

#4 Answer Choices

- A. 415 (Extension to periprostatic tissue: Extracapsular extension [beyond prostatic capsule], NOS; Through capsule NOS)
- B. 480 (Extracapsular extension and specific margins involved)
- C. 970 (No prostatectomy done within first course of treatment)
- D. 980 (Prostatectomy performed, but not considered first course of treatment)

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: D. 980
- First course of treatment was watchful waiting.
- Code 980 states that a prostatectomy was done, but not considered first course of treatment.

Question #5

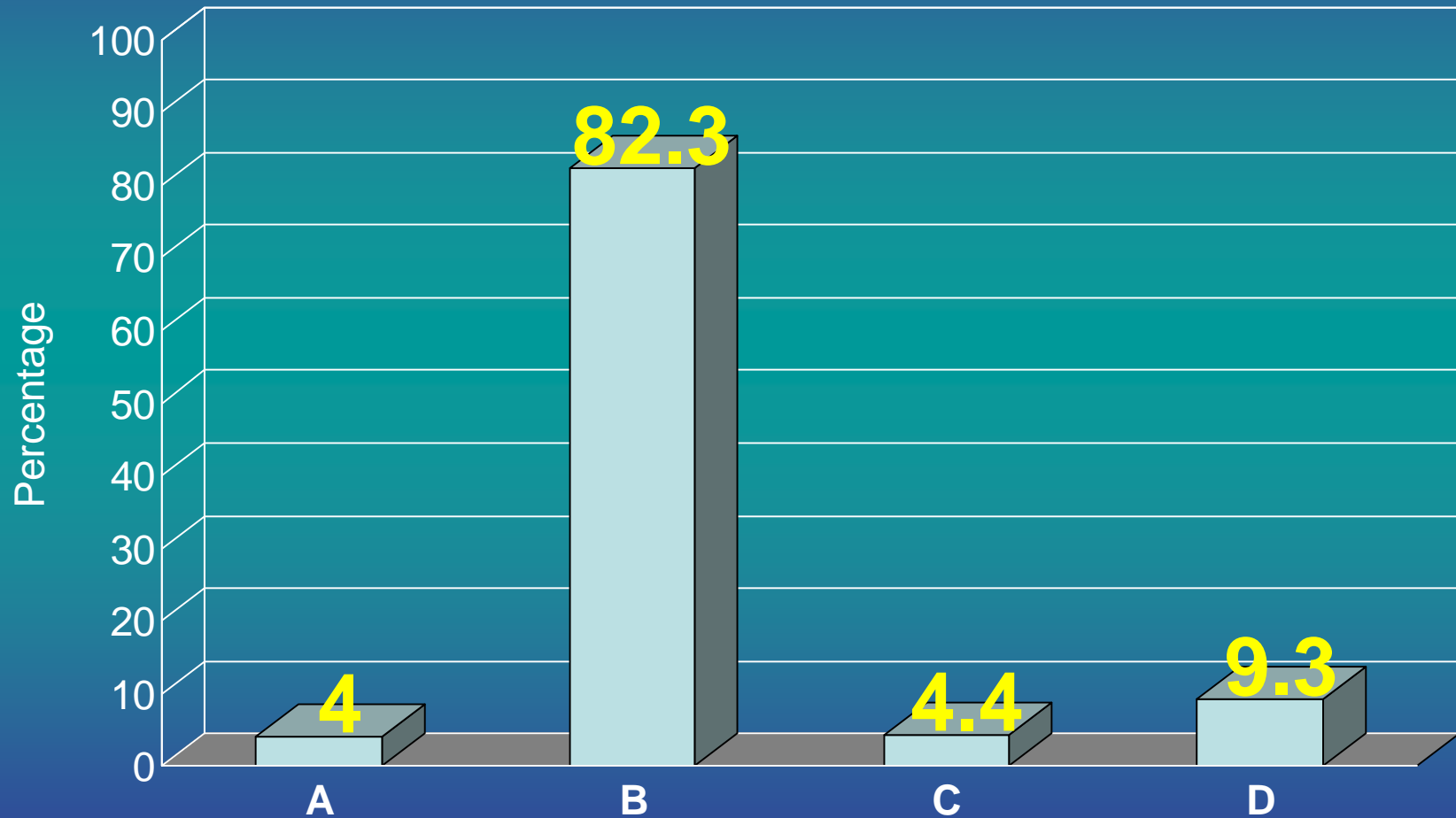
- A testicular cancer case has no orchiectomy.
- How should SSF's 6-10, which focus on pre-orchiectomy levels, be coded?

#5 Answer Choices

- A. 988 (Not applicable: Information not collected for this case)
- B. 996 (No orchiectomy performed, initial range recorded in post orchiectomy field)
- C. 998 (Test not done [test not ordered and not performed])
- D. 999 (Unknown or no information)



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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: B. 996
- Per the CS manual, when an orchiectomy is not performed, use code 996 for SSF's 6-10.

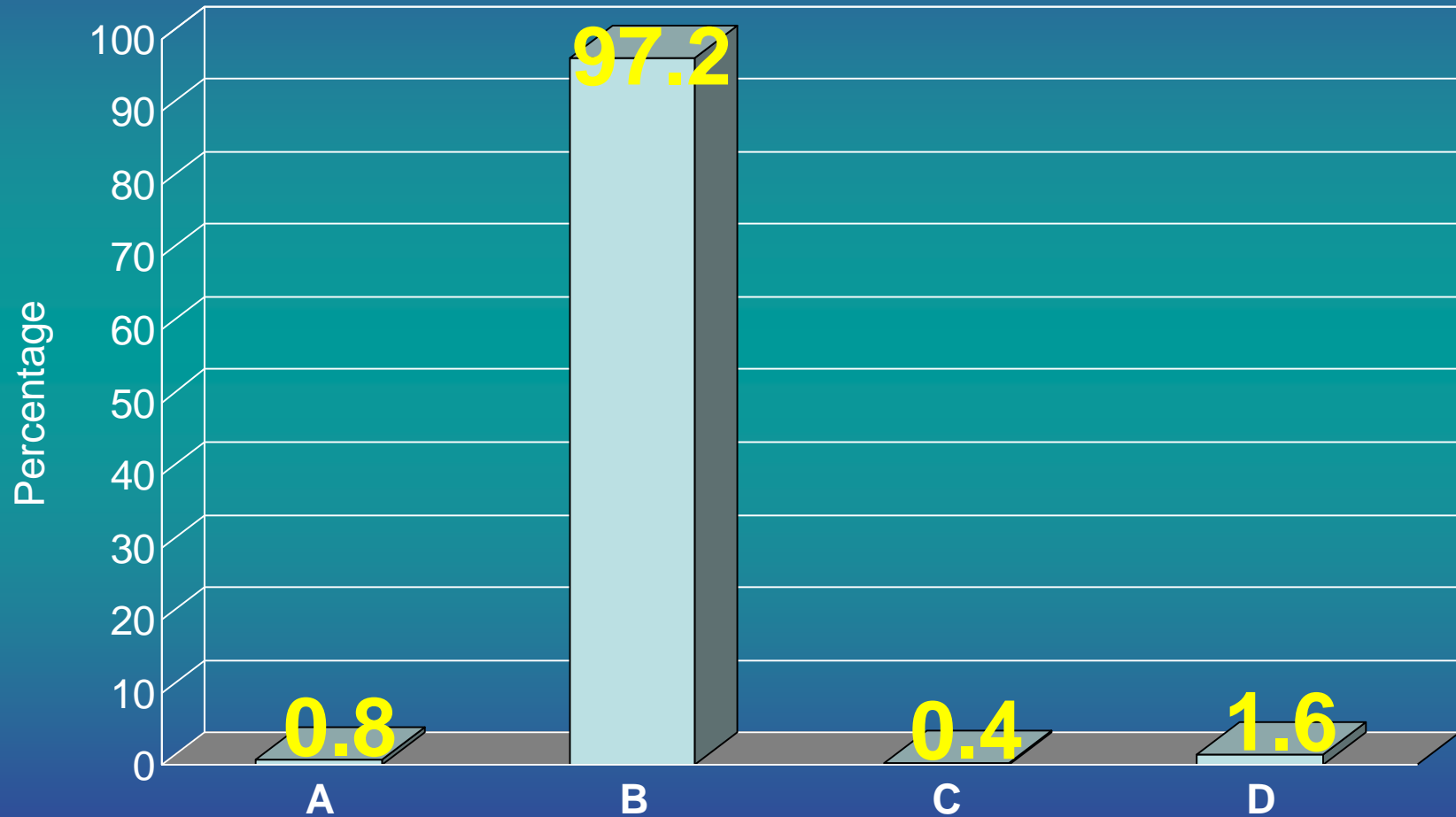
Question #6

- The testis schema requires collection of 3 different lab values to determine the S component of the staging.
- Which of the following 4 lab values is not part of the Testis schema?

#6 Answer Choices

- A. Alpha fetoprotein (AFP)
- B. Testosterone (T)
- C. Human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG)
- D. Lactate dehydrogenase (LDH)

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: B. Testosterone (T)
- Testosterone is not collected in the Testis schema.

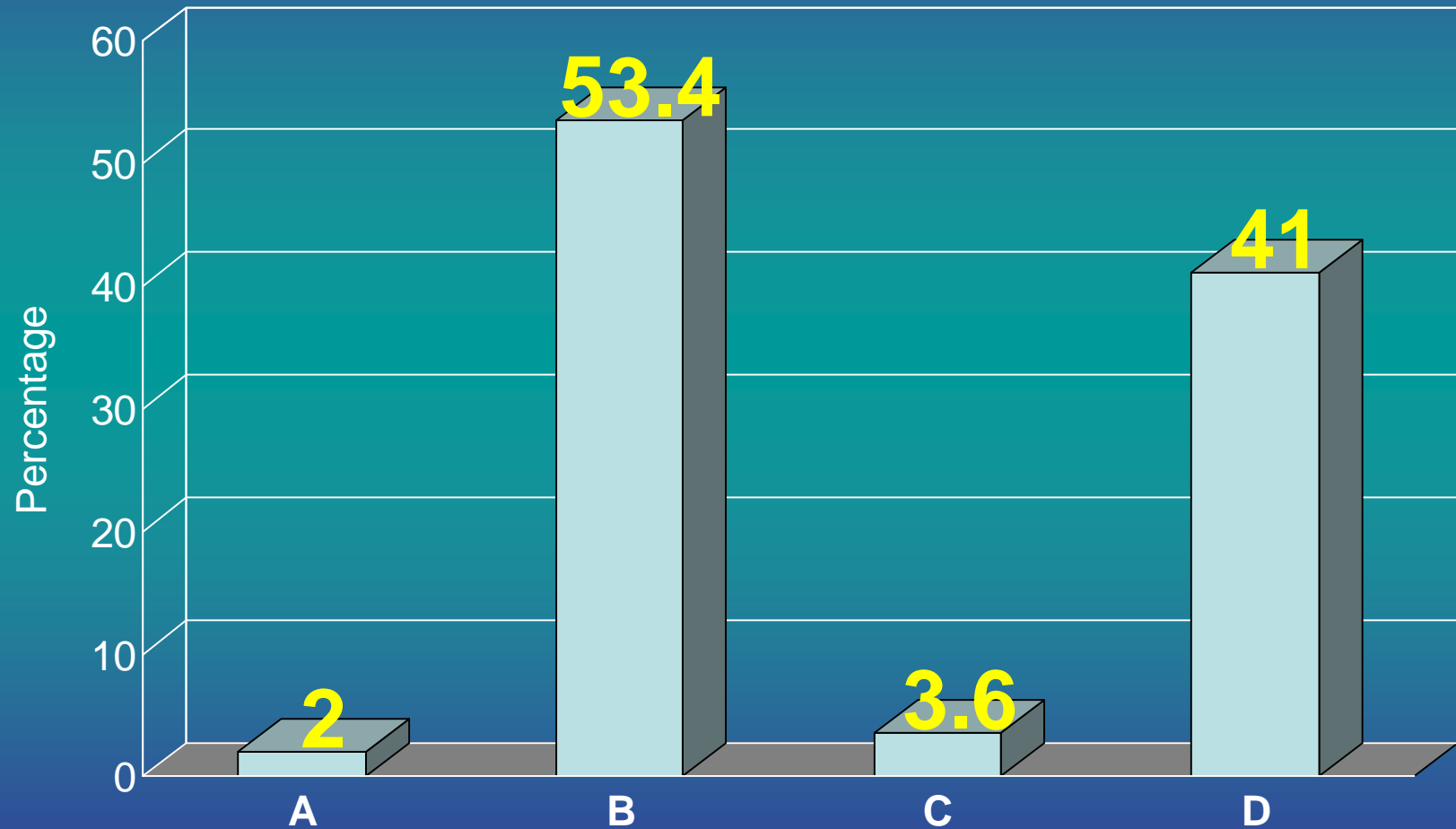
Question #7

- A patient was diagnosed via biopsy with testicular cancer.
- Part of his workup included the following serum tumor markers: AFP, hCG and LDH.
- Based on staging workup, chemotherapy was administered prior to orchiectomy.
- How should the tumor markers be documented?

#7 Answer Choices

- A. The ranges should be coded as unknown in SSF's 6-10
- B. The range values should be coded in the pre-orchietomy SSF's 6-10
- C. The ranges should be coded as unknown in the post-orchietomy SSF's 13, 15, 16
- D. The range values should be coded in the post-orchietomy SSF's 13, 15, 16

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: D. The range values should be coded in the post-orchietomy SSF's 13, 15, 16
- Per the CS manual
 - For those cases where an orchietomy is not performed or where the patient receives neoadjuvant therapy
 - Code the initial lab value in the post orchietomy SSF rather than the pre-orchietomy SSF.

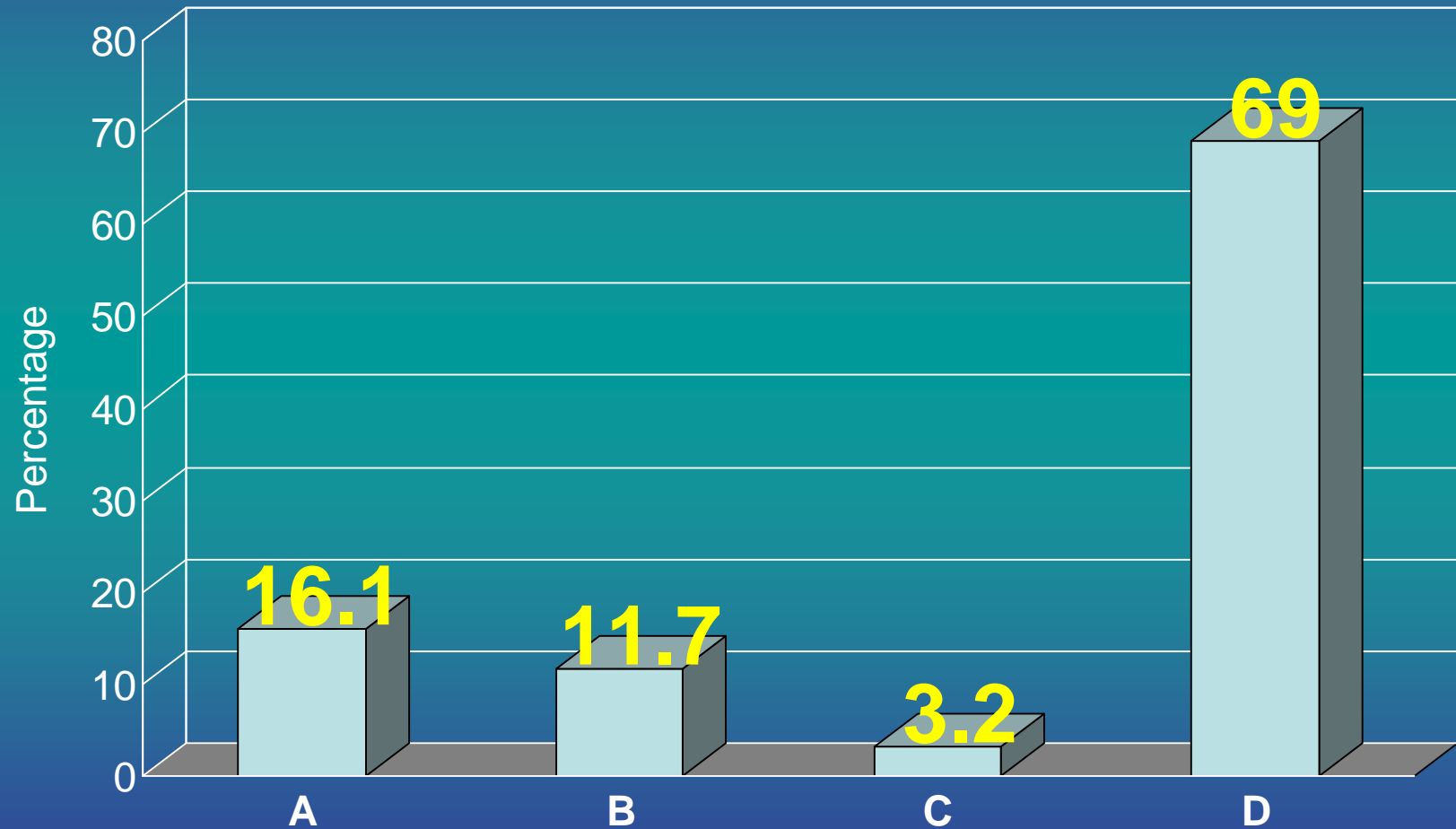
Question #8

- A pathology report from a TURB for a papillary transitional cell bladder carcinoma states the tumor is a grade 2.
- How would you code SSF 1 for WHO/ISUP grade?

#8 Answer Choices

- A. 010 (Low grade urothelial carcinoma)
- B. 020 (High grade urothelial carcinoma)
- C. 988 (Not applicable: Information not collected for this case)
- D. 999 (Unknown WHO/ISUP grade)

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: D. 999
- The pathology does not indicate that this is a WHO/ISUP grade.
- When only the grade (2) is stated, cannot assume that it's a WHO/ISUP grade.
- Code 999 for unknown.

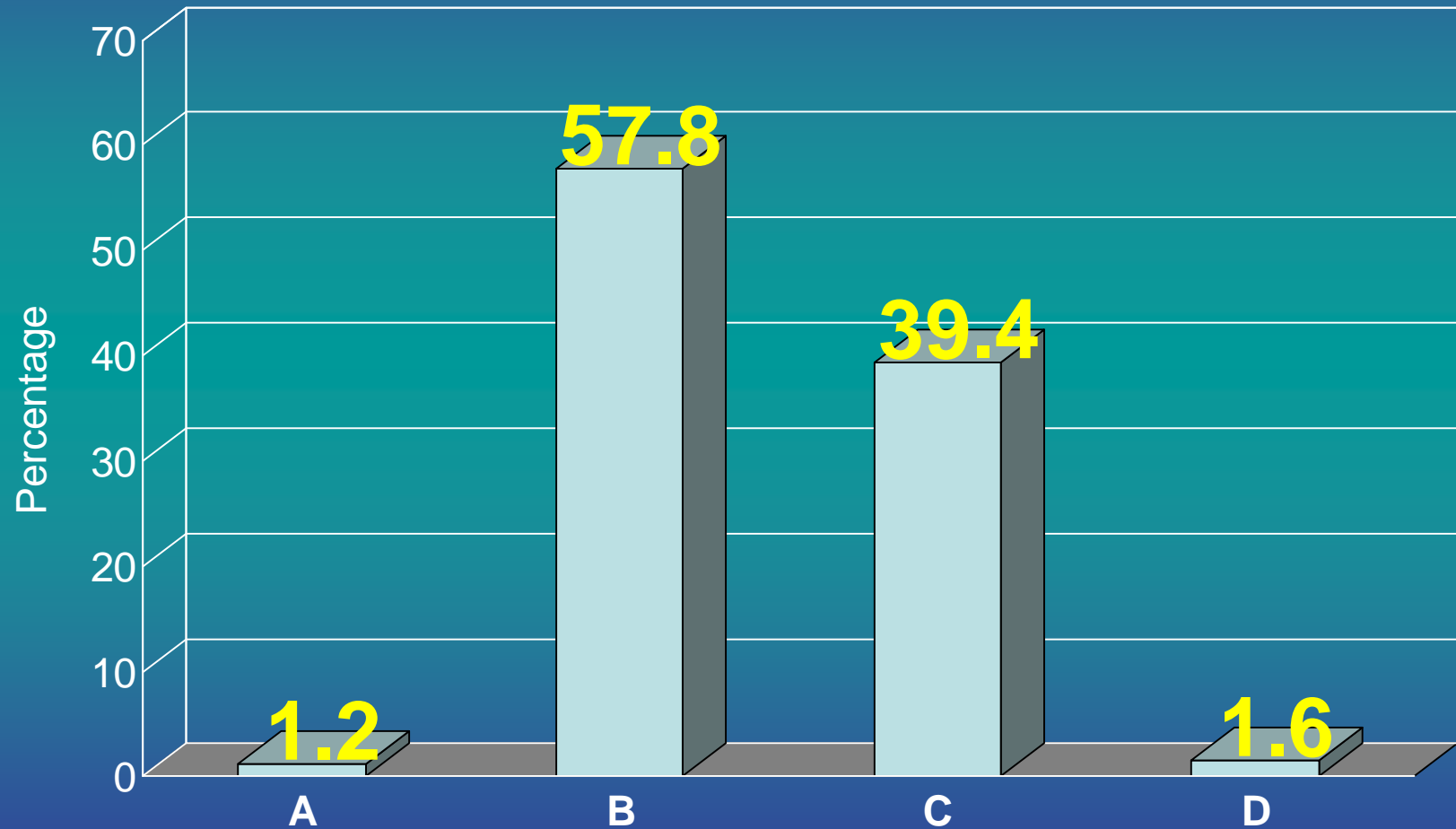
Question #9

- A patient has a nephrectomy with 12 lymph nodes removed with 6 positive.
- There is no mention of extracapsular extension.
- How do you code SSF 8?

#9 Answer Choices

- A. 000 (No regional lymph nodes involved)
- B. 010 (Extranodal extension not present; regional nodes described as mobile)
- C. 030 (Regional nodes involved, unknown if extranodal extension)
- D. 999 (Unknown; regional lymph nodes not stated)

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: B. 010
- Code 010 when there is a pathology report with involved nodes but there is no mention of extranodal extension.

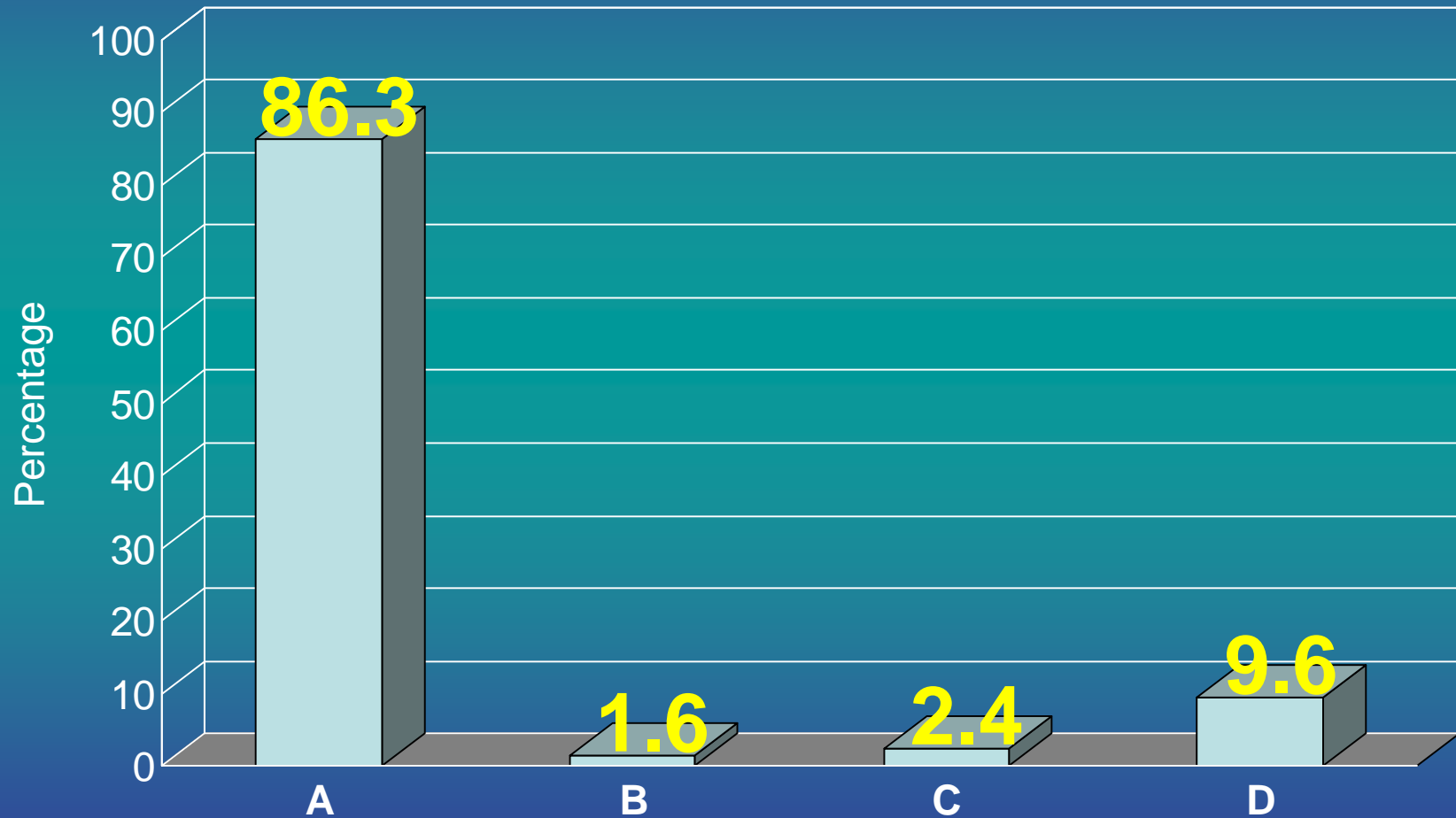
Question #10

- A nephrectomy is performed for a renal cell carcinoma.
- There is no mention of tumor necrosis in the pathology report.
- How do you code SSF 5?

#10 Answer Choices

- A. 000 (Histologic tumor necrosis not present/ not identified)
- B. 010 (Histologic tumor necrosis present/ identified)
- C. 988 (Not applicable: Information not collected for this case)
- D. 999 (Unknown or no information)

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Correct Answer and Rationale

- The correct answer is: A. 000
- Code 000 can be used when there is a pathology report and there is no mention of tumor necrosis.

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