CS Moments

CS Release Notes v02.05
Part II Schema Highlights

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Breast SSFs for In situ & Invasive Ca

- In situ and invasive cancers in same primary

- Breast SSFs
  - Code results of invasive ca, not insitu ca
  - Treatment and outcomes based on invasive ca
Prostate Inapparent vs. Apparent

- Prostate Inapparent vs. Apparent
  - Only physical exam used for CS Extension
  - Imaging is not reliable for staging
  - Unless managing clinician/urologist uses imaging results in assigning their T category
  - Do not use radiologist T category

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Melanoma & Merkel Cell ITC’s

- Melanoma and Merkel Cell carcinoma
  - Isolated tumor cells (ITC’s)
  - Considered positive nodes in these two sites
  - Include in regional nodes positive count
  - Include when coding positive nodes in CS Lymph Nodes data field
Named Grading Systems & Neoadjuvant

- Named grading systems collected in SSFs
  - Breast
  - Prostate
  - Kidney
  - Renal Pelvis & Ureter
  - Bladder
  - Urethra

- Code highest grade prior to neoadjuvant Rx
- Neoadjuvant could kill off highest grade tumor areas
- Behavior is based on highest grade prior to Rx
GI Sites: SSF Clinical Assessment Nodes

- SSF Clinical Assessment of Nodes
  - Number of nodes needed to assign
    - N category for clinical stage
    - CS Lymph Nodes for clinical or neoadjuvant Rx staging
  - Cases responding to neoadjuvant cannot use regional nodes positive count from surgery for staging
  - SSF refers to clinical staging assessment
  - NOT only clinical methods such as imaging
  - Includes diagnostic bx, surg observations, imaging
  - Esophagus, stomach, small intestine, colon, rectum
References

• CS Release Notes v02.05
  – Available on https://cancerstaging.org/cstage/

• CS v02.05 Coding Instructions
CAnswer Forum

• Submit questions to CS Forum
  – Located within the CAnswer Forum
  – Provides information for all
  – Allows tracking for educational purposes

• http://cancerbulletin.facs.org/forums/
You Tube – AJCC Channel

- Short 5-15 minute videos
- AJCC and CS topics
- Cover important concepts
- Posted on CS Web page
- http://www.youtube.com/AJCCancer
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