

DOCUMENTATION REFERENCE CARD

CANCER

Documentation Considerations

- **Document the current status (Active, Remission, Historical)**
- **Document the type/location:**
 - **Type**
 - **Anatomic Location**
 - **Primary**
 - **Secondary**
 - **Include all sites involved**
- **Active cancer must include current treatment to code as active (distinguish active surveillance of tumor versus annual follow-up)**

Diagnosis Considerations

- **Documentation of hormonal treatment for breast cancer should include the date of treatment initiation**
- **If prostate has been removed and no current treatment then Z85.46 should be used**
- **Once a cancer has been removed (excised/eradicated), with no further treatment and no evidence of existing malignancy, a code from Z85- or Z86- should be used to indicate historical cancer**

Additional Considerations

- **Specify current treatment:**
 - **Current medication regimen**
 - **Chemotherapy**
 - **Radiation therapy**
 - **Hormonal/Immunotherapy**
 - **Watchful waiting**
 - **No treatment/refused**
 - **Palliative care only**
 - **Excised or eradicated**
- **Leukemia and lymphoma documentation should reflect whether or not remission has been achieved**



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