

Clear and specific coding begins with you.

Active Cancer vs. History of Cancer

Cancer is considered “active” when:

Cancer is present, and/or the patient is currently receiving treatment.

This includes neo-adjuvant and adjuvant therapy.

Patient is not receiving treatment, but cancer is present. (Examples: indolent disease, patient refuses treatment.)

When documenting metastatic disease:

Include regional lymph nodes as well as any distant solid organ sites.

Use of “to” and “from” in notes will clarify the origin of the primary malignancy and site of the metastatic disease. (Example: breast cancer with metastasis to the bone.)

Active Cancer	ICD-10-CM
Tongue Cancer	C01 - C02.X
Oral Cavity Cancer	C06.X
Pharyngeal Cancer	C14.0
Esophageal Cancer	C15.X
Stomach Cancer	C16.X
Colon Cancer	C18.X
Rectal Cancer	C20
Liver Cancer	C22.X
Pancreatic Cancer	C25.X
Laryngeal Cancer	C32.X
Tracheal Cancer	C33
Lung Cancer	C34.XX
Bone Cancer	C40.XX - C41.X
Melanoma	C43.X
Skin Cancer	C44.XX
Breast Cancer	C50.XXX
Cervical Cancer	C53.X
Uterine Cancer	C55
Ovarian Cancer	C56.X
Prostate Cancer	C61
Testicular Cancer	C62.XX
Renal Cancer	C64.X
Bladder Cancer	C67.X
Eye Cancer	C69.XX
Brain Cancer	C71.X
Thyroid Cancer	C73

Cancer is considered “history of” when:

- There is no evidence of disease, and all active and adjuvant treatments have ceased.
- Your patient is receiving a selective estrogen receptor modulatory (SERM) drug as prophylactic treatment when cancer is not present.

Tip: “X” is a placeholder character and is not reflective of a complete code. Please refer to the official 2023 ICD-10-CM code set for proper code selection.

Personal History of Cancer ICD-10-CM

History of Esophageal Cancer	Z85.01
History of Stomach Cancer	Z85.028
History of Colon Cancer	Z85.038
History of Rectal Cancer	Z85.048
History of Liver Cancer	Z85.05
History of Pancreatic Cancer	Z85.07
History of Lung Cancer	Z85.118
History of Tracheal Cancer	Z85.12
History of Laryngeal Cancer	Z85.21
History of Breast Cancer	Z85.3
History of Cervical Cancer	Z85.41
History of Uterine Cancer	Z85.42
History of Ovarian Cancer	Z85.43
History of Prostate Cancer	Z85.46
History of Testicular Cancer	Z85.47
History of Bladder Cancer	Z85.51
History of Renal Cancer	Z85.528
History of Tongue Cancer	Z85.810
History of Lip, Oral Cavity & Pharynx Cancer	Z85.819
History of Melanoma	Z85.820
History of Skin Cancer	Z85.828
History of Bone Cancer	Z85.830
History of Eye Cancer	Z85.840
History of Brain Cancer	Z85.841
History of Thyroid Cancer	Z85.850

