

CAP 40: Squamous Cell Skin Cancer: Complete Reporting

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No, margin status is not indicative of perineural invasion and lymphovascular invasion.

Are biopsy specimens considered an Exception for CAP40?

Yes, all biopsies for SCC are considered Exceptions for CAP40.

CAP 41: Basal Cell Skin Cancer: Complete Reporting

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Are biopsy specimens considered an Exception for CAP41?

No, biopsy specimens for BCC are not part of CAP41 and cases should not be included in this measure. If unable to omit cases from reporting via bulk upload or registry webtool, please mark such cases as Exceptions.

Most basal cell specimens we see are fairly shallow. Do I need to document perineural invasion on every single one, even when it's negative?

No, perineural invasion only needs to be documented for basal cell specimens where it is present, not where it is absent.

CAP 42: Barrett's Esophagus: Complete Analysis with Appropriate Consultation

Do you have to specify the name of the second pathologist? Or, will stating, "this case was reviewed in intradepartmental consultation", suffice the measure?

You do not need to name the consulting pathologist. We ask that documentation indicate relatively "real time" consultation. We do not accept intradepartmental reviews performed 6 months later for this measure.

Can I report QPP 249 if reporting CAP 42?

No, per CMS, you cannot report both QPP 249 and CAP 42 to CMS within the same performance period.