



QPP 396: Lung Cancer Reporting (Resection Specimens)

There is documentation in the pathology report for histology type “Typical Carcinoid Tumors”. Is this considered a histologic type for Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer (NSCLC)?

No. Carcinoid tumors are not considered Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer and are excluded from the measure.

The pathology report for a case of lung cancer states NSCLC-NOS with an explanation of why it is not otherwise specified. Does this meet the measure?

No. Cases of NSCLC described as not otherwise specified, even with an explanation, do not meet measure 396. If this case was coded with an ICD-10 and CPT code that would include it in the Denominator, it should be further coded as a Denominator Exclusion: G9424.

The specimen for this case is from a distant metastasis that of a primary lung carcinoma. The pathology report includes the pT and pN category and histologic type of the original lung carcinoma. Should I include this case?

No. Metastases are not included in this measure; anatomic site other than lung is not allowed. This case would be considered a Denominator Exclusion and coded as G9424.

This pathology report is a follow-up evaluation of a lung carcinoma that was previously scored for pT, pN and histologic type. The new pathology report states “pT category unchanged.” Is this sufficient to meet the measure for this new specimen?

No, not quite. If the report stated that pT, pN and histologic type were unchanged, this would be satisfactory. However, there is no evidence in this statement that pN or histologic type were evaluated again, so this would not be accepted as Met. Code this case as Performance Not Met: G9425.