## Urinary Bladder Biopsy Diagnostic Requirements For Appropriate Patient Management

**Measure Description**

Percentage of urinary bladder carcinoma pathology reports that include the procedure, histologic tumor grade, histologic type, muscularis propria presence, lymphovascular invasion presence and tumor extension. **AND**

meet the maximum 2 business day turnaround time (TAT) requirement (Report Date – Accession Date ≤ 2 business days).

**INSTRUCTIONS:** This measure has two performance rates that contribute to the overall performance score:

1. Percent of cases for which all required data elements of the urinary bladder carcinoma pathology report are included.
2. Percent of cases that meet the maximum 2 business day turnaround time.

The overall performance score submitted is a weighted average of:

\[(\text{Performance rate 1} \times 0.7) + (\text{Performance rate 2} \times 0.3)\]

### Denominator Statement

All bladder biopsies and transurethral resection of bladder tumor (TURBT) with a pathological diagnosis of carcinoma of the urinary bladder

### Denominator Exclusions

1. Specimen site other than urinary bladder
2. Urachal Carcinoma

### Denominator Exceptions

Documentation of medical reason(s) for not including the required elements in the pathology report. For example:

- Specimen contains metastatic carcinoma (not a primary neoplasm)

### Numerator Statement

Urinary bladder carcinoma pathology reports that include the procedure, histologic tumor grade, histologic type, muscularis propria presence, lymphovascular invasion presence and tumor extension. **AND**

Final pathology report in the laboratory/hospital information system with result verified and reported by the laboratory, available to the requesting physician(s) within 2 business days.

**Numerator definitions:**

1. Turnaround Time (TAT): The day the specimen is accessioned in the lab to the day the final report is signed out. Business days counted only.
2. Accession Date: The date recorded in the laboratory/hospital information system that documents when a specimen was received by the laboratory.
3. Report Date: The date recorded in the laboratory/hospital information system that documents when a result is verified and reported by the laboratory and is available to the requesting physician(s) (signed out).

Signed Out: The pathology report with a final diagnosis is released.
### Numerator Exclusions
None

### Measure Information

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### Meaningful Measure Rationale

The vast majority (more than 95%) of carcinomas of the urinary bladder, renal pelvis, and ureter are urothelial cell in origin, previously termed transitional cell cancer. Utilization of the most recent 2016 World Health Organization (WHO) classification of tumors of the urothelial tract and the updated AJCC (8th ed) TNM Staging System for carcinomas of the urinary bladder is recommended. (1) These cancers may be heterogeneous in histologic appearance, including adenocarcinoma, squamous cell or small cell carcinoma elements; however, they should still be classified as urothelial carcinoma unless the cancer is composed entirely of the aforementioned histologic types (1-7). A cystoprostatectomy specimen may contain three separate primaries: carcinoma of the urinary bladder, carcinoma of the prostate and/or carcinoma of the urethra (3-5). Depending on the pathology in a given case, the classification, staging and protocol to use in a cystoprostatectomy specimen will vary (2).

By AJCC convention, the designation “T” refers to a primary tumor that has not been previously treated (7). The symbol “p” refers to the pathologic classification of the TNM, as opposed to the clinical classification, and is based on gross and microscopic examination (7). Pathologic staging is usually performed after surgical resection of the primary tumor (6-7). pT entails a resection of the primary tumor or biopsy adequate to evaluate the highest pT category, pN entails removal of nodes adequate to validate lymph node metastasis, and pM implies microscopic examination of distant lesions (7). Clinical classification (cTNM) is usually carried out by the referring physician before treatment during initial evaluation of the patient or when pathologic classification is not possible (6-7).

Turnaround time (TAT) is an indicator of efficiency in anatomic pathology and may affect coordination of patient care. Timely pathology reports are one of the most important tools physicians use to adequately manage the quality and safety of patient care. The implication of surgical pathology report delay, as shown in research evidence, is that prolonged turnaround time plays a major role in disease complications, including raising morbidity and mortality rates. Therefore, verifying pathology reports in an appropriate timeframe helps healthcare practitioners with timely diagnosis and more effective treatment planning (8-10).

Despite published guidelines indicating the necessity of complete reporting on urinary bladder carcinoma (1), recent studies still indicate gaps in the pathology report (2), with over 20% of reviewed reports lacking histology, grade, microscopic extent or presence vs absence of muscularis propria (3).


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