**Anal & Lip Cancers: A Reportability Issue**

Please utilize the following info from SEER when determining reportability for these two sites:

1. **ANUS:**
   - Squamous Cell Carcinoma and AIN III of the anus/anal canal ARE REPORTABLE **UNLESS known or stated to be skin of anus (or perianal skin).** *Never automatically assume the site is skin of anus or perianal!*

   *When stated specifically to involve the skin of anus (perianal skin/tissue) it is not reportable and should be coded to C44.5 (skin of anus) not C21x Anus and Anal Canal.—LTR*

2. **LIP:**
   - **Basal Cell Carcinoma** of lip, NOS is coded to C44.0 (skin of lip) because basal cell starts on skin cells, not mucous membranes. *Basal cell carcinoma of the skin is not reportable EXCEPT for genital sites, which are reportable.*

   - **Squamous Cell Carcinoma (SCC)** of lip, NOS can involve either skin or vermillion border [mucosa] of the lip (or both as an overlapping lesion): SCC of lip, NOS *IS REPORTABLE* and coded to C009—*unless stated as skin of the lip.* Other stated lip sites (lower lip; upper lip, etc—codes C000-C008) are also *REPORTABLE—unless stated as skin of the lip.*

   *If SCC is overlapping skin and vermillion border, go with the area of greatest involvement. If more than 50% of the lesion is on the vermillion border, code to the vermillion border (C00x) as this IS REPORTABLE.*

   *When stated specifically to involve the skin of the lip it is not reportable and should be coded to C44.0 (skin of lip) not C00x Lip.—LTR*

**LTR Suggestions:**

*If no other info is available, read gross description in path report to determine what was excised by the specimen/lesion description—skin (yellow/tan/brown etc) vs mucosa(pink/red etc).—LTR*

*Also, documentation that the physician performed a “Wedge Resection” is a good indication that the cancer involves the vermillion border of the lip and not the skin of the lip (unless stated specifically to involve skin).—LTR*

**References:** SEER SINQ #20100027; 20091094; 20061040; #20031110* and #20051049*

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