

Dexamethasone Coding

Dexamethasone is often used in patients with either primary or metastatic brain tumors to ease neurologic symptoms caused by the swelling surrounding the tumor(s). It may also be given along with radiation to help curb side effects of the treatment. **At this time, dexamethasone should be coded as hormone treatment only for leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma. Consider it palliative treatment for all other sites.**

References: SEER*Rx Interactive Antineoplastic Drugs Database and Ask a SEER Registrar (ASW08821) 09/24/14

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