

## Other Treatment Coding for Hematopoietic Cases

For certain reportable hematopoietic diseases the principal treatment may be **supportive care** which does not meet the traditional definition of cancer treatment, namely one which “modifies, controls, removes or destroys proliferating cancer tissue.”

Supportive care may include phlebotomy, transfusions or aspirin. In order to report this treatment, SEER and the CoC have agreed to record such treatment as **CODE 1 “Other Treatment” for *certain* hematopoietic diseases ONLY.**

For older cases diagnosed 2001-2009, you need to follow the treatment coding guidelines provided in the “Abstracting and Coding Guide for the Hematopoietic Diseases” AKA “The RED Book.” The treatment coding instructions found there are **not to be used to code cases diagnosed AFTER 2009.**

**For cases diagnosed 2010+,** follow the guidelines in the *most current* **Hematopoietic Manual and Hematopoietic Database** to identify treatments. Current coding rules in the 2012 Hematopoietic Manual include the following:

- Do **not** collect blood transfusions (whole blood, platelets, etc.) as treatment\* (SEER’s hematopoietic physician experts stated that transfusions are used for symptoms such as anemia and that there is no way to identify neoplasms for which the collection of information on transfusions would be useful.)

\* Per SEER, this rule was not made clear in the 2010 Heme manual. As a result, the rule was NOT “officially” enforced until 2012 (for cases dxcd 01/01/2012 and later). However, it may be utilized for cases dxcd 2010+.

- Collect phlebotomy for **polycythemia vera ONLY.**
- Collect blood-thinners and/or anti-clotting agents (such as aspirin, heparin, etc) **ONLY** for the following diseases:
  - 9740/3 Mast cell sarcoma
  - 9741/3 Systemic mastocytosis
  - 9742/3 Mast cell leukemia
  - 9875/3 Chronic myelogenous leukemia BCR/ABL1 positive
  - 9950/3 Polycythemia vera
  - 9961/3 Primary myelofibrosis
  - 9962/3 Essential thrombocythemia
  - 9963/3 Chronic neutrophilic leukemia
  - 9975/3 Myelodysplastic/myeloproliferative neoplasm, unclassifiable