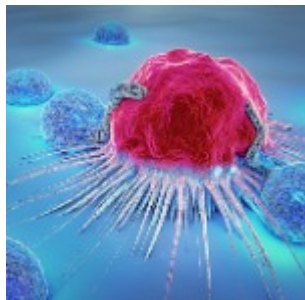


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Alleviating Pain Associated with Coding Neoplasm-Related Admissions: Part 2

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