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

Last month, in Part 1, we looked at some of the Chapter 2 guidelines that highlighted when neoplasm can be principal. Now let's look at some of the guidelines that tell us when cancer does not meet the definition of principal.

Proposed New Codes for SDOH Z Codes

During the last ICD-10 Coordination and Maintenance Committee meeting in March 2019, new proposals were made to add over 20 new Z-codes under the existing social determinants of health (SDOH) categories Z55-Z65, and to specifically add subcategory Z-codes related to food insecurity. The rationale for the new proposals is to allow for increased granularity when tracking the various social or societal determinants of one’s health. The ability to better track these details will assist providers in their ability to refer and inform their patient population of community resources that might be available to them, and to improve patient outcomes.

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- Apply coding principles and guidelines
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- Practice analysis of information from the health record as the source document

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