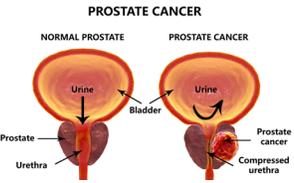


# Documentation and Coding: The Breakdown of Coding Prostate Cancer

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At Healthfirst, we are committed to helping providers accurately document and code their patients' health records. This tip sheet is intended to assist providers and coding staff with the documentation and ICD-10-CM selection on services submitted to Healthfirst specifically for prostate cancer. It provides information from industry sources about proper coding practice. However, this document does not represent or guarantee that Healthfirst will cover and/or pay for services outlined. Coverage decisions are based on the terms of the applicable evidence of coverage and the provider's participation agreement. This includes the determination of any amounts that Healthfirst or the member owes the provider. This tip sheet will offer guidance on how to submit diagnosis codes with greater specificity for coding Prostate Cancer.

Cancer is a chronic condition that is often coded inaccurately. The prevalence and complexity of cancer and neoplasm coding requires a solid understanding of the ICD-10-CM codes and coding guidelines to ensure accurate code assignment.

Active Prostate Cancer	Supporting Documentation for Active/Current Treatment	Key Words in Documentation	History of Encounters for Surveillance
 <p><b>C61</b> – Malignant neoplasm of prostate (only for use of primary malignancy)</p> <p><b>C79.82</b> – Secondary malignant neoplasm of genital organs (for cancers present elsewhere and metastasized to prostate)</p>	 <p>Digital rectal exam/Prostate Specific Agent (PSA) results</p> <p>Clear statement of active treatment directed to the cancer</p> <p>Anatomical location/ metastatic sites</p> <p>Related conditions/ complications</p>	 <p>In situ, localized, regional, distant, unknown</p> <p>"indolent"</p> <p>Active cancer and is receiving ongoing treatment</p> <p>No evidence of active cancer, but is receiving adjuvant therapy</p>	 <p><b>Z08</b> – Encounter for follow-up examination after treatment for malignant neoplasm has been completed</p> <p><b>Z12.5</b> – Encounter for screening for malignant neoplasm of prostate</p> <p><b>Z85.46</b> – Personal history of prostate cancer (after excision or eradication, no active treatment, and no evidence of disease or recurrence)</p>

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## Coding Prostate Cancer: Example of Prostate Cancer with Metastatic Sites



Malignancy Documentation	Non-Malignancies Documentation
Confirmed cases of malignancies	Suspected or unconfirmed (i.e., words that indicate uncertainty, such as "likely," "probable," "apparently," "consistent with," etc.)
Currently treating/active treatment	History of/no active treatment ("history of" means the condition is historical and no longer requires active treatment)
Recurrence or metastases	No evidence of ongoing disease or recurrence

### Questions?

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For additional documentation and coding guidance, please visit the Coding section at [hfproviders.org](http://hfproviders.org).

References: [EncoderPro.com](http://EncoderPro.com); [CodingClinic.com](http://CodingClinic.com); [AAPC.com](http://AAPC.com); [American Cancer Society](http://American Cancer Society); [SuperCoder.com](http://SuperCoder.com); [CodingClinic](http://CodingClinic); ICD-10-CM Official Guidelines for Coding and Reporting; [Mayo Clinic](http://Mayo Clinic).