Coding for Cancer

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Agenda

- Some of this material is review from December 2014

- Cancer, metastatic cancer, and history of cancer

- Active disease or active management

- Quiz

Cancer

- Cancer is considered present when there is clinical evidence of disease or active ongoing treatment
- Surveillance for recurrence is not considered active treatment
- Monitoring of existing disease 'counts'
- If disease is not present, there is no risk adjustment and we use "history of" codes
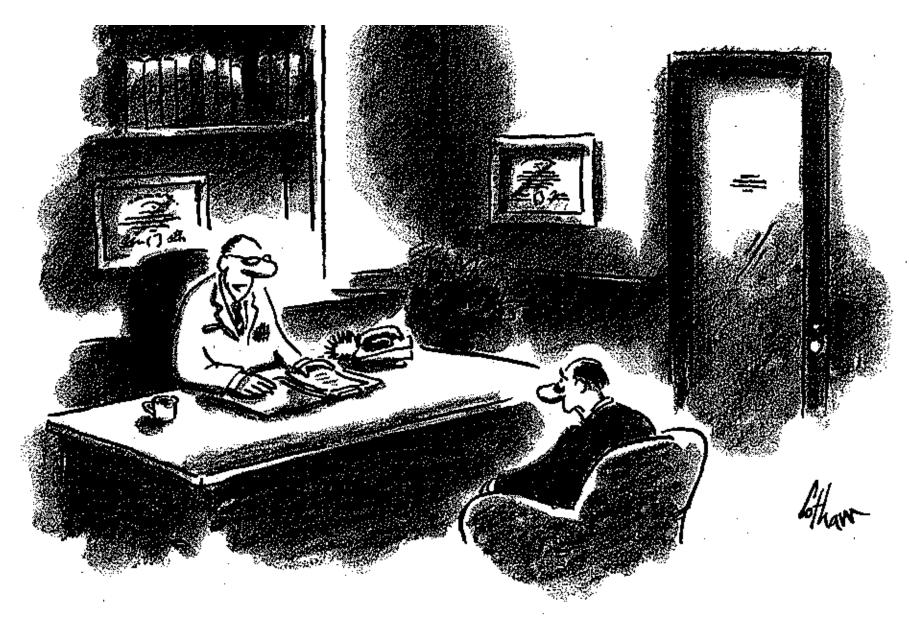
Cancer coding tips

- Separate coding for the primary tumor and for metastatic disease. This is critically important in order to get credit for the full disease burden of the patient
- All cancers risk adjust except skin and lip
  - NB: Melanoma and metastatic skin cancer risk adjust

Hierarchical Condition Categories (HCCs) Associated with Cancer

HCC	Name of HCC	RAF value
8	Metastatic Cancer and Leukemia	2.484
9	Lung and Other Severe Cancers	.973
10	Lymphoma and Other Cancer	.672
11	Colorectal, Bladder, and Other Cancers	.154
12	Breast, Prostate, and Other Cancers and Tumors	.154

Clinical Examples

- Breast cancer, on aromatase inhibitor
- Prostate cancer with metastases on Lupron
- Widespread cancer of unknown primary, palliative care
- Lung cancer metastatic to the brain
- Lung cancer, s/p lobectomy, no residual disease
- Colon cancer, s/p hemi-colectomy, no residual disease

"*Well, now that you have it, you can stop worrying about getting it.*"