

Oncology Billing & Coding Cheat Sheet

Evaluation & Management (Oncology Visits)

Codes	Description
99202–99205	New patient office visits
99211–99215	Established patient visits

Chemotherapy Administration

Codes	Description
96401	Chemo injection, subcutaneous or IM
96402	Hormonal antineoplastic injection
96409	Chemo infusion: Initial (up to 1 hour)
96413	Chemo infusion: Initial (> 1 hour)
96415	Each additional hour (Add-on)
96417	Sequential infusion (Add-on)

Immunotherapy / Biologic Administration

Codes	Description
96365	Initial IV infusion (Biologic/Non-chemo)
96366	Each additional hour
96372	Therapeutic, prophylactic, or diagnostic inj.

Key HCPCS J-Codes (Oncology Drugs – Examples)

Used for chemotherapy & biologic agents

Immunotherapy / Targeted Therapy

Codes	Description
J9271	Pembrolizumab (Keytruda)
J9299	Nivolumab (Opdivo)
J9312	Rituximab

Common Chemotherapy Drugs

Codes	Description
J9000	Doxorubicin
J9040	Bleomycin
J9060	Cisplatin
J9070	Cyclophosphamide
J9267	Paclitaxel
J9355	Trastuzumab

NOTE: *Always verify NDC units and payer-specific rules.*

Common ICD-10-CM Codes Malignant Neoplasms (Examples)

Codes	Diagnosis
C50.919	Breast cancer, unspecified
C18.9	Colon cancer
C34.90	Lung cancer, unspecified
C61	Prostate cancer
C56.9	Ovarian cancer

Encounter & Status Codes

Codes	Diagnosis
Z51.11	Encounter for antineoplastic chemotherapy
Z51.12	Encounter for antineoplastic immunotherapy
Z85.xx	Personal history of malignant neoplasm

Essential Oncology Modifiers Commonly Used

Modifiers	Meaning
-25	Significant, separately identifiable E/M
-59	Distinct procedural service
-JW	Drug discarded, not administered
-JZ	No drug waste
-26	Professional component
-TC	Technical component

Chemotherapy-Specific

Modifiers	Meaning
-XE / -XS	Separate encounter or structure (payer-specific)
-KX	Medical necessity documentation on file

High-Risk Oncology Billing Triggers(Quick Awareness)

- **Primary Dx:** Missing **Z51.11** (Chemo) or **Z51.12** (Immuno) as the primary code.
- **Waste Tracking:** Using **-JW** without explicit "waste" ml/mg documentation in the chart.
- **Unbundling:** Billing an E/M on the same day as chemo without the **-25** modifier.
- **Unit Errors:** J-code units must reflect the dosage administered vs. the J-code definition (e.g., 1 unit = 10mg).