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# AAD 12: Melanoma – Appropriate Surgical Margins

#### 2020 Documentation Tip Sheet

Electronic health records (EHRs) collect and organize notes, medication lists, and patient information using various formats. With providers also documenting this information in unique ways, this can potentially cause confusion and an increased timeline for measure mapping with DataDerm. This tip sheet can help you manage reporting requirements for performance measures and streamline standard documentation practices to allow seamless data pull into DataDerm.

The DataDerm team will work with you to connect DataDerm with your EHR to extract data. To make the process as smooth as possible, it helps to document key elements of patient care. DataDerm cannot read scanned images of any kind, including scanned images for labs, letters to physicians, pathology reports, follow-up plans, and dates. If you have scanned images with information needed for your measures, please add a note in your chart with the date and required patient information for this data to be accurately collected.

This tip sheet can assist paper-based practices in standardizing documentation practices. Keeping notes in the patient's paper chart of all documentation requirements will assist you when reporting for this measure.

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For all patients with primary excisional surgeries, document the following in your notes:

- Diagnosis of melanoma (including in situ disease): C43.0, C43.10, C43.111, C43.112, C43.121, C43.122, C43.20, C43.21, C43.22, C43.30, C43.31, C43.39, C43.4, C43.51, C43.52, C43.59, C43.60, C43.61, C43.62, C43.70, C43.71, C43.72, C43.8, C43.9, D03.0, D03.10, D03.111, D03.112, D03.121, D03.122, D03.20, D03.21, D03.22, D03.30, D03.39, D03.4, D03.51, D03.52, D03.59, D03.60, D03.61, D03.62, D03.70, D03.71, D03.72, D03.8, D03.9
- Excision of malignant lesion (ICD-10-CM): 11600, 11601, 11602, 11603, 11604, 11606, 11621, 11622, 11623, 11624, 11626, 11640, 11641, 11642, 11643, 11644, 11646

### OR

- Mohs surgery (CPT): 17311, 17312, 17313, 17314, 17315
- Include in the medical record the Breslow depth of the initial biopsy and the initial surgical margin and that it is in compliance with the minimum margin recommended in the current NCCN guideline.
- The minimum requirements for margins are as follows, per the current NCCN guidelines:
  - MMIS:  $\geq$  0.5mm 0.1cm margin around the entire tumor
  - Breslow depth of ≤1.0 mm = 1.0 cm
  - Breslow depth of >1.0 -2.0 mm=1.0-2.0 cm
  - $\circ$  Breslow depth of > 2.0-4.0 mm= 2 cm
  - Breslow depth of > 4.0 mm = 2.0 cm



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Additional Tips:

- This measure is only applicable to primary excisional surgeries, defined as is wide local excision, Mohs surgery, Modified Mohs surgery and staged excisions.
  - The second surgery or second stage (when performing a staged excisional technique) performed on a melanoma in which a positive margin was found on the initial primary surgery necessitating the second surgery or second stage to be taken is an exclusion and is not an denominator eligible procedure.

#### For more information, contact the American Academy of Dermatology: WEBSITE: aad.org

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