

## Risk Coding Tips and Tools

### Lymphoma Remission

#### What defines remission?

- The National Cancer Institute defines remission as a decrease in or disappearance of signs or symptoms of cancer
- Partial remission is defined as some, but not all signs and symptoms of cancer have disappeared
- Complete remission is defined as all signs and symptoms of cancer have disappeared, although cancer may still be in the body

**Leukemia, lymphoma, and multiple myeloma** are the only cancers classified with additional designations of being in remission. These remission codes are used once treatment is complete, and the physician documents the patient is in remission.

#### Physician Documentation Example

##### Example 1:

The patient returns for a follow up to discuss his Hodgkin lymphoma. Treatment is complete and his oncologist reports no signs of active cancer.

Provider coded: C81.9A – Hodgkin lymphoma unspecified in remission 

AAPC Magazine. AAPC. (2025, July). <https://www.aapc.com/publications/healthcare-business-monthly/>.

You can find this resource and others like it in the OHN Risk Coding Corner at [www.OrlandoHealth.com/Network/Resources](http://www.OrlandoHealth.com/Network/Resources).

You can also contact us at [RiskCoding@OrlandoHealth.com](mailto:RiskCoding@OrlandoHealth.com) for additional questions or support needs.