

Protocol for the Examination of Specimens From Patients With Carcinoma of the Penis

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The College of American Pathologists offers these protocols to assist pathologists in providing clinically useful and relevant information when reporting results of surgical specimen examinations. The College regards the reporting elements in the "Surgical Pathology Cancer Case Summary (Checklist)" portion of the protocols as essential elements of the pathology report. However, the manner in which these elements are reported is at the discretion of each specific pathologist, taking into account clinician preferences, institutional policies, and individual practice.

The College developed these protocols as an educational tool to assist pathologists in the useful reporting of relevant information. It did not issue the protocols for use in litigation, reimbursement, or other contexts. Nevertheless, the College recognizes that the protocols might be used by hospitals, attorneys, payers, and others. Indeed, effective January 1, 2004, the Commission on Cancer of the American College of Surgeons mandated the use of the checklist elements of the protocols as part of its Cancer Program Standards for Approved Cancer Programs. Therefore, it becomes even more important for pathologists to familiarize themselves with these documents. At the same time, the College cautions that use of the protocols other than for their intended educational

purpose may involve additional considerations that are beyond the scope of these documents.

PROTOCOL FOR THE EXAMINATION OF SPECIMENS FROM PATIENTS WITH CARCINOMA OF THE PENIS

This protocol applies to primary carcinoma of the penis. The 7th edition TNM staging system for carcinoma of the penis of the American Joint Committee on Cancer (AJCC) and the International Union Against Cancer (UICC) is recommended.

SURGICAL PATHOLOGY CANCER CASE SUMMARY (CHECKLIST)

Penis: Incisional Biopsy, Excisional Biopsy, Partial Penectomy, Total Penectomy, Circumcision

Select a Single Response Unless Otherwise Indicated

* Data elements with asterisks are not required. However, these elements may be clinically important but are not yet validated or regularly used in patient management.

Procedure

- Incisional biopsy
- Excisional biopsy
- Partial penectomy
- Total penectomy
- Circumcision
- Other (specify): _____
- Not specified

Foreskin (Presence and Type) (select all that apply) (note A)

- Present (uncircumcised)
 - * Short
 - * Medium
 - * Long
 - * Phimotic
- Not identified (circumcised)
- Cannot be determined

Lymphadenectomy

- Not applicable
- Sentinel node biopsy
- Inguinal (superficial and deep)
- External iliac
- Internal iliac
- Pelvic nodes
- Other (specify): _____

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