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ICD-10-CM: Prevail Over Cutaneous T Cell Lymphoma Denials with This Advice

Check site of lymph nodes; distinguish mycosis fungoides vs. Sézary disease.

Cutaneous T cell lymphomas can leave you perplexed due to the unique manifestations in skin and investigations targeted to lymphomas. To get the right diagnosis code, you need to confirm if the condition in question is mycosis fungoides or Sézary disease. Once determined, you can adopt the following three step approach:

The red rash of mycosis fungoides: The skin may develop a scaly red rash which may be asymptomatic for many months. This may advance to an eczematous rash followed by a papular rash on hard skin. Finally, the tumors form in the skin with ulcers which may become infected.