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Ovarian Cancer

Quick Reference Guide

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1 CLINICAL SNAPSHOT

Definition: Malignant neoplasm of the ovary, fallopian tube, or peritoneum — predominantly epithelial in origin, with high-grade serous carcinoma the most common histologic subtype. No validated population screening test exists; approximately 80% of cases are diagnosed at FIGO Stage III or IV.[1] Median age at diagnosis is 63 years.[1]

ICD-10 Codes:

Primary ovary **C56.1** (right)/**C56.2** (left)/**C56.3** (bilateral)/**C56.9** (unspecified — avoid); primary peritoneal **C48.0–C48.8** (distinct entity, **not C56). Metastatic sites: C78.6 peritoneum, C78.7** liver**, C78.0x** lung**, C78.89** omentum/intestine, **C79.31** brain (each maps to HCC 17); **C79.51** bone (HCC 18). Code each metastatic site individually.

Prevalence: ACS projects ~21,010 new diagnoses[2] and ~12,450 deaths[2] in the U.S. in 2026; lifetime risk ~1.3%.[2] Approximately 50% of patients are aged ≥65[3] at diagnosis — the core Medicare population. 5-year relative survival: Stage I 92%; Stage II 72%; Stage III–IV 27%.[4]

HCC/RAF V28 Mapping

ICD-10 CODE[1–3]	HCC CATEGORY	RAF WEIGHT	DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENT
C56.1, C56.2, C56.3 (Malignant neoplasm of ovary)	HCC 23 — Prostate, Breast, other Cancers and Tumors	0.186	**Primary ovarian cancer** with documented **laterality** from pathology or imaging. **C56.9 reduces specificity** and is discouraged
C78.6, C78.7, C78.0x, C78.89, C79.31 (Secondary malignant neoplasm of respiratory and digestive organs)	HCC 17 — Cancer Metastatic to Lung/Liver/Brain/ Other	4.209	Metastatic spread to **peritoneum, liver, lung, omentum/intestine, or brain**. Each site coded **individually** with imaging or pathologic evidence
C79.51 (Secondary malignant neoplasm of bone)	HCC 18 — Cancer Metastatic to Bone/Other	2.341	**Bone metastasis**; document **specific bone site** (e.g., vertebral, femur) when available
C79.60, C79.61, C79.62 (Secondary malignant neoplasm of other and unspecified sites)	HCC 18 — Cancer Metastatic to Bone/Other	2.341	**Metastasis to the ovary from another primary**; documented laterality preferred

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