

Coding Guidelines
KIDNEY
Kidney C649

Laterality

Laterality is required for C649.

Grade

Note: These guidelines pertain to the data item Grade. Refer to the [Collaborative Stage Data Collection Manual](#) for instructions on coding site-specific factors.

The preferred grading scheme for renal cell carcinoma was developed by Fuhrman et al. Scoring is based on the worst (highest) grade present in the tumor even if only a minor component.

Priority Rules for Coding Grade of Tumor

1. Fuhrman grade
2. Nuclear grade
3. Terminology (well diff, mod diff)
4. Histologic grade (grade 1, grade 2)

These prioritization rules do **not** apply to Wilms tumor (8960).