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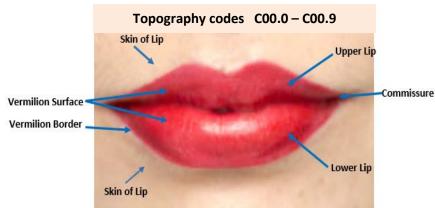
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Cancer of the LIP & Reportability

Anatomy

- ◆The **Lip** is the **vermillion** or pink/red portion of the lips which is well-defined into an upper and lower lip.
- ♦ The lips are joined at the commissure.
- ◆The **labial mucosa** is the portion of lip just inside the mouth.
- ❖ Lip C00.0-C00.9 excludes skin of lip.
- Skin of lip surrounding the vermilion lip is topography code C44.0.

Anatomy of the Lip



2 Reportable vs Non Reportable:

REPORTABLE	NON-REPORTABLE
If Op or Path report states tumor location is:	If Op or Path Report states:
Vermilion or vermilion border	Skin of lip without mention of vermilion
Skin of lip with mention of vermilion	Specimen is Dermis or Epidermis
Mucosal Surface	• Skin (NOS)
• Lip, NOS (upper or lower)	
 Inner aspect of upper or lower lip 	
Frenulum of upper or lower lip	
Labial commissure	
Commissure	
Histology is Squamous cell carcinoma (SCC)	Histology is Squamous cell ca (SCC) and site is:
 Reportable for any of the above lip descriptions. 	Skin of lip
If the path gross description of specimen excised	If the path gross description of specimen excised
describes:	describes:
 mucosa, pink/red etc. 	 skin yellow/tan/brown, etc.
For overlapping tumors of skin of lip and vermillion lip:	For overlapping tumors of skin of lip and vermillion lip:
• If more than 50% of the lesion is on the vermilion .	• If more than 50% of the lesion is on the skin of lip
Histology is Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC) and tumor is:	Histology is Basal Cell Carcinoma (BCC) and tumor site is:
• Definitively stated to be on the vermilion surface or	Skin of lip or skin NOS -but presumably on face
border (very rare).	around lip somewhere.
If "Skin of Lip" C44.0	❖ As a reminder BCC or SCC of skin in genital sites is
Histology is Melanoma or other reportable histology	reportable.
and not BCC or SCC	
Recommended SINQ References for Review: 20150020; 20140040; 20091013; 20051049; 20031110	

3 When the tumor site of origin is unclear, the type of resection done may be a clue. If the MD performed a "wedge resection" this is a good indication the cancer arose in the vermilion or vermilion border of the lip and not the skin of the lip (unless stated specifically to have arisen in skin).





