

# Satellitosis (Recommended)

## Reason/Evidentiary Support

### Hepatocellular carcinoma

In hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC) several studies have found that the presence of satellite tumours is related to recurrence but there is no consensus on the definition of satellitosis.<sup>1-8</sup> Roayaie et al<sup>6</sup> used a definition of tumours less than or equal to 2cm and located of less than or equal to 2cm from the main tumour. The Liver Cancer Study Group of Japan included in their definition that the satellite nodules should be histologically similar or less differentiated than the main tumour.<sup>2</sup> Reviewing the additional literature we suggest a definition of “*when a satellite nodule is separated from the main tumour by a distance greater than that of the satellite diameter*”. It is acknowledged however that accurate distinction between satellitosis and intrahepatic metastasis can be difficult.

### Cholangiocarcinoma

No data are available on intrahepatic or perihilar cholangiocarcinoma.

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