

Antibiotics as Treatment for Low Grade Gastric MALT Lymphoma

Helicobacter pylori (H. pylori) is often associated with low grade gastric MALT lymphoma. Studies have shown that the eradication of an H. pylori infection with antibiotic therapy can cause the histological regression of the low grade gastric MALT lymphoma. In fact, antibiotic therapy has been proven to work against several types of lymphomas.

Thus “antibiotic therapy” **should be coded as a treatment** for lymphoma when administered. Check SEER*Rx to see if the drug is listed. There are some antibiotics listed in SEER*Rx classified as chemotherapy by the FDA. If the drug is listed, code as indicated. If the drug is NOT listed in SEER*Rx, code as “Other” treatment.

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