EXAM: **PET Pet/CT Skullbase to Thigh** [8].

**INDICATION FOR PROCEDURE:** Staging gallbladder cancer [8].

Correlation is made with CT of the abdomen and pelvis dated June 24, 20XX.

**TECHNIQUE**

Following IV injection of 12.11 mCi F18 FDG, 3D PET and CT images were acquired from the skull base to the proximal thighs. At the time of injection, the patient’s blood glucose level was 1.05 mg/dl. Noncontrast CT images were acquired for attenuation correction and anatomic correlation [8].

**FINDINGS**

There is significant degradation of the study due to technical factors related to the patient’s body habitus.

There is no focal hypermetabolic activity within the liver or gallbladder fossa. A mildly prominent left axillary lymph node shows hypermetabolic activity, with maximum SUV of 5.6. This is nonspecific and likely inflammatory. No cervical, intrathoracic, abdominal, or pelvic hypermetabolic lymphadenopathy is seen. There is physiologic FDG avidity or excretion within the gastrointestinal, genitourinary, and cardiovascular systems. There is no suspicious skeletal activity [8].

**IMPRESSION**

1. Nonspecific hypermetabolic left axillary lymph node, very likely inflammatory.
2. No findings of intrathoracic, intra-abdominal, or pelvic metastatic disease.

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**Planned procedure.**

**Indication for procedure.**

**This indicates an IV injection was performed.**

**CT is performed in addition to the PET.**

**Definitive findings.**

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What are the CPT® and ICD-10-CM codes reported?

**CPT® Code:** 78815-26

**ICD-10-CM Code:** C23

**Rationales:**

**CPT®:** In the CPT Index, look for PET—see Positron Emission Tomography. Look for Positron Emission Tomography/with Computerized Tomography which leads us to 78814–78815 based on area. Verification in the code range shows 78815 represents skull to mid thigh.

**ICD-10-CM:** Look in the Table of Neoplasms for Neoplasm, neoplastic/gallbladder and use the code from the Malignant Primary column. Verification of C23 in the Tabular List confirms C23 to be the correct code.