

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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### References:

#1: SEER Program Code Man, 3rd Ed, 119, 130, F-22. January 2003

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, C-486

### Question:

Surgery of Primary Site/Reconstruction-First Course--Breast: If the plan is to "reconstruct" the breast 6 months after an ipsilateral modified radical mastectomy, is the time span a problem or should it be coded in the Surgery of Primary Site field because it was planned?

### Discussion:

### Answer:

For cases diagnosed 1/1/2003 and after: Code the Surgery of Primary Site field to 55 [Modified radical mastectomy WITHOUT removal of uninvolved contralateral breast, Implant]. The time span is not a problem as long as the reconstruction was planned as first course, which is indicated by tissue expander insertion at the time of the original surgery.

### History:

For cases diagnosed 1998-2002: Code the Reconstruction-First Course field to 1 [Reconstruction, NOS (unknown if flap)].

### Cancer Site Category:

Breast

### Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2000