

SEER Inquiry System - Report
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References:

#1: SEER Program Code Man, 3rd Ed, 91

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, 76

Question:

Primary Site--Kaposi Sarcoma: Would the following Kaposi primaries be examples of cases not coded to skin for primary site? See discussion.

Discussion:

1. KS developed initially as a lesion in the oral cavity and followed by the appearance of skin lesions.
2. KS found in a resected parotid gland with metastasis to the parotid gland lymph node. No skin lesions identified.
3. KS discovered in a biopsied 3 cm axillary lymph node. Clinically, the patient had hepatosplenomegaly, ascites, and extensive mesenteric lymph nodes. (No mention of skin.)

Answer:

Code the Primary Site field as follows:

1. C44.9 [Skin, NOS] as the default value when lesions develop simultaneously in skin and non-skin areas.
2. C07.9 [Parotid gland]
3. C44.9 [Skin, NOS] as the default value when there is no mention of lesions in the skin or other primary site.

Edward Klatt states in Practical AIDS Pathology, "...Visceral Kaposi (involving one or more internal organ sites) is also present in three-fourths of cases, but may not be diagnosed prior to autopsy. Visceral involvement frequently includes the lung, lymph nodes and gastro-intestinal tract."

Cancer Site Category:

Sarcoma

Data Item Category:

Primary site

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2000