

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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References:

#1: SEER Program Code Man, 3rd Ed, 103

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, 94

Question:

Grade, Differentiation--Breast:

- 1) If Van Nuys nuclear grade 2 is the only grade given for an in situ breast primary, would it be coded as a 3-component system (e.g., 2/3 = 3)?
- 2) Is there a way of determining grade if only the total Van Nuys Prognostic index score is given (e.g., score 7/9)?

Discussion:

Answer:

1. Code Van Nuys grade 2 as code 2 [Grade 2] in the Grade, Differentiation field.
2. Code Van Nuys score of 7 as 9 [Cell type not determined, not stated or not applicable] in the Grade, Differentiation field.

Currently, there is no conversion from the total Van Nuys score to grade because "grade" represents only one of the three Van Nuys factors that make up the total score. The other factors are tumor size and margin. The grade represents from 1 to 3 points within the total Van Nuys score. The total score can be between 3 and 9.

Cancer Site Category:

Breast

Data Item Category:

N/A

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2001