

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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References:

SEER Program Code Man, 3rd Ed, 5

Question:

Reportability/Ambiguous Terminology--Breast: Should the American College of Radiology (ACR) BI-RADS assessment categories 4 [Suspicious Abnormality--biopsy should be considered] and 5 [Highly Suggestive of malignancy-appropriate action should be taken], impressions for mammograms and sonograms, be used as the sole basis for reportability? See discussion.

Discussion:

ACR website:

Category 4: Lesions that do not have the characteristic morphologies of breast cancer but have a definite probability of being malignant.

Category 5: lesions have a high probability of being cancer.

Answer:

Updated Answer

Please refer to Appendix E of the SEER Program Coding Manual for the most up-to-date information,

https://seer.cancer.gov/manuals/2018/SPCSM_2018_AppendixE.pdf (https://seer.cancer.gov/manuals/2018/SPCSM_2018_AppendixE.pdf)

History:

Previous Answer

No, do not use categories 4 or 5 as the sole basis of reportability. Report a case with a mammogram classified in category 4 or category 5 only if the diagnosis is confirmed by a physician (clinical diagnosis).

The terms "suspicious abnormality" and "highly suggestive of malignancy" are not on the SEER reportable list.

Cancer Site Category:

Breast

Data Item Category:

N/A

Other Category:

Reportability, Ambiguous terminology

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