

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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References:

#1: SEER Program Code Man, 3rd Ed, 111

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, 3, 81-82

Question:

Diagnostic Confirmation--Testis: How do you code this field when a testicular mass is confirmed to be cancer on physical exam and testicular antigen, but the orchiectomy specimen was negative and yet the final signout diagnosis on the medical record was "testicular cancer"?

Discussion:

Answer:

Code the Diagnostic Confirmation field to 5 [Positive laboratory test/marker study] because the disease was confirmed both clinically and by a positive marker. Code 8 [Clinical diagnosis only] is used when the diagnosis is based on information other than that coded in 5, 6, or 7 [positive lab test/marker study, visualization, and radiography or other imaging techniques]. Code 8 is rarely used.

Cancer Site Category:

N/A

Data Item Category:

Diagnostic confirmation

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2001