

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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### References:

#1: SEER PCM, 3rd Ed, Rev 1, 126b. January 2003

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, 182

### Question:

Reason no treatment/Surgery of Primary Site: Does the "Reason for No Cancer-Directed Therapy" field only relate to the "Surgery of Primary Site" field? If so, for what diagnosis years is that effective? Have SEER's coding guidelines changed over time? See discussion.

### Discussion:

Whenever a surgical procedure is performed that results in a non 0 or 9 code in any one of the Surgery fields, should the Reason for No Site-Specific Surgery field be coded to 0 [Cancer-directed surgery performed]?

### Answer:

For cases diagnosed 2003 and forward: The field "Reason for No Surgery of Primary Site" applies only to surgery of primary site. This is a change from the pre-2003 instructions.

### History:

For cases diagnosed 1998-2002: Surgery of Primary Site, Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery, and Surgical Procedure of Other Site are all surgical procedures. If any of these fields have a valid procedure code, Reason for No Cancer-Directed Surgery must be coded as 0 [Cancer-directed surgery performed].

### Cancer Site Category:

N/A

### Data Item Category:

Reason no treatment, Surgery of Primary Site

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2001