

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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References:

#1: SEER PCM, 3rd Ed, Rev 1, 127b. January 2003

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, 179

Question:

Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery: If a named regional lymph node is aspirated should this field be coded to 1 [Regional lymph node removed, NOS], as is stated on page 127 of the SEER Program Code Manual, or should this field be coded to a more specific code when that is available (e.g. Lung primary code 3 [Ipsilateral mediastinal and/or subcarinal nodes])?

Discussion:

Answer:

For cases diagnosed 1/1/2003 and after: A generic scheme was created for the Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery field. As a result, there no longer are codes available that represent specific named lymph node chains. Code aspiration of a lymph node to 1 [Biopsy or aspiration of regional lymph node, NOS].

History:

For cases diagnosed 1998-2002: Code Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery 98-02 to 1 [Regional lymph node removed, NOS], even when a code is available that represents the specific named lymph node that was aspirated.

Cancer Site Category:

N/A

Data Item Category:

Scope Regional LN Surgery

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2002