

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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## Question 20021026

### References:

#1: SEER PCM, 3rd Ed, Rev 1, F-21. January 2003

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, C-439

### Question:

Surgery of Primary Site--Skin: Should Mohs surgery be code to 27 [Excisional biopsy] or 31 [Shave biopsy followed by a gross excision of the lesion]? See discussion.

### Discussion:

Under surgery coding in the 5/22/01 SEER Abstractor/Coder Workshop book, page 20, it states that Mohs surgery should be coded as an excisional biopsy. The ACoS I&R dated 6/6/2001 states that it should be coded to 31.

### Answer:

For cases diagnosed 1/1/2003 and after: Code the Surgery of Primary Site field to 34 [Mohs surgery, NOS], 35 [Mohs with 1-cm margin or less] or 36 [Mohs with more than 1-cm margin].

### History:

For cases diagnosed 1998-2002: Code the Surgery of Primary Site field to 31 [Shave biopsy followed by a gross excision of the lesion] for Mohs. SEER adopted the surgery code clarifications issue by the COC in 12/99.

### Cancer Site Category:

Skin

### Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2002