

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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### References:

#1: SEER Program Code Man,3rd Ed, 11

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, 11-12

### Question:

Multiple Primaries (Pre-2007)--Melanoma: Many melanoma patients have multiple occurrences over time that are not called recurrent and often are even in the same skin subsite, some in situ only and others alternating between in situ and invasive. Should these multiple occurrences really be new primaries?

### Discussion:

### Answer:

For tumors diagnosed prior to 2007:

Unless it is stated to be a RECURRENT or METASTATIC melanoma, record each melanoma as a separate primary when:

1. The occurrences are more than two months apart.
2. The fourth digit of the ICD-O topography code for skin [C44.\_] is different .
3. The first three digits of ICD-O-3 morphology code are different.
4. An in situ melanoma is followed by an invasive melanoma.

For tumors diagnosed 2007 or later, refer to the MP/H rules. If there are still questions about how this type of tumor should be coded, submit a new question to SINQ and include the difficulties you are encountering in applying the MP/H rules.

### Cancer Site Category:

Melanoma

### Data Item Category:

N/A

### Other Category:

Multiple primaries

### Year:

2002