

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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References:

#1: 2004 SEER Manual, 94

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, C-597. Appendix C

Question:

Grade, Differentiation--Bladder: What codes are used to represent this field for the four bladder cases described in the discussion section that have a combination of grades mentioned in the pathology reports? See discussion.

Discussion:

- 1) Final path diagnosis: papillary transitional cell carcinoma, high grade. Micro description states: High grade, poorly differentiated carcinoma.
- 2) Well to moderately differentiated papillary transitional cell carcinoma, grade 1-2/3.
- 3) Urothelial carcinoma, high grade (poorly differentiated, grade 3 of 3).
- 4) High grade papillary urothelial carcinoma (papillary transitional cell carcinoma, grade 3 out of 4).

Answer:

For cases diagnosed January 2004 and forward:

- 1) Grade 4. High grade is coded 4. Code the grade stated in the final diagnosis.
- 2) Grade 3. Grade 1-2/3 is coded 3. Use the three-grade conversion table in the 2004 SEER manual.
- 3) Grade 4. Grade 3 of 3 is coded 4. Use the three-grade conversion table in the 2004 SEER manual.
- 4) Grade 3. "Grade 3 out of 4" is coded 3 and is more precise than "high grade."

History:

For cases diagnosed before January 2004:

Use the priority list in the SEER Program Code Manual to code the Grade, Differentiation field for all sites.

- 1) Grade 4. High grade is coded 4. Code the grade stated in the final diagnosis.
- 2) Grade 2. Moderately differentiated and grade 1-2/3 are coded 2.
- 3) Grade 3. Terminology, "Poorly differentiated," is preferred over other grade indications and is coded 3. [revised 3-03]
- 4) Grade 3. "Grade 3 out of 4" is preferred over "High grade." [revised 3-03]

Reference: SEER Program Code Man, 3rd Ed pages 101-103

Cancer Site Category:

Bladder

Data Item Category:

N/A

Other Category:

N/A

Year:
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