

SEER Inquiry System - Report
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References:

#1: SEER PCM, 3rd Ed, Rev 1, F-2

#2: 2004 SEER Manual, C-144

Question:

Surgery of Primary Site--Major salivary gland: How do you code Surgery of Primary Site for a submandibular gland primary when the operative report refers only to an excision of the submandibular "tumor" while the pathology report states the submandibular "gland" was removed? See discussion.

Discussion:

The gross description on the pathology report indicates that the specimen consists of a "submandibular gland." A further description on the pathology report included, "the specimen was sectioned exposing a focally cystic mass that nearly replaces the entire specimen."

Answer:

For cases diagnosed on 1/1/2003 or after: Code the Surgery of Primary Site field to 40 [Total parotidectomy, NOS; total removal of major salivary gland, NOS], per the pathology report's gross description of the specimen unless the operative report description of procedure indicates that the removal was less than total.

History:

For cases diagnosed 1998-2002: Code the Surgery of Primary Site field to 40 [Total parotidectomy, NOS].

Cancer Site Category:

Head & Neck

Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2002