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SEER EOD-88, 3rd Ed, 111

Question:

EOD-Lymph Nodes--Breast: How do you code this field when the gross description on the pathology report states "nodal tissue is matted" but only 1/18 lymph nodes is found to contain micrometastatsis per the microscopic description of the report?

Discussion:

Answer:

For cases diagnosed 1998-2003:

Code the EOD-Lymph Nodes field to 1 [Micrometastasis] because the matted nodal tissue was found to contain only one node with micrometastasis when examined microscopically. Coding priority is given to the microscopic description over the gross description.

Cancer Site Category:

Breast

Data Item Category:

N/A

Other Category:

N/A

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