

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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## Question 20031004

### References:

#1: SEER Program Code Man, 3rd Ed, C-59

#2: SEER App F, 2003+ Surg Codes, F-21. January 2003

### Question:

Surgery of Primary Site--Skin: When would one use codes 30-33 for this field on a skin primary?

### Discussion:

### Answer:

Surgery of Primary Site codes 30-33 under "skin" are used for various types of biopsies followed by a gross excision of the lesion. The two procedures (biopsy and gross excision) may be performed on different days, at different facilities, by different physicians as long as both procedures are performed during the first course of treatment.

Answer applies to both pre-2002 and 2003+ surgery code definitions.

### Cancer Site Category:

Skin

### Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site, First course treatment

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2003