

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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## Question 20041078

### References:

2004 SEER Manual, 3-5

### Question:

Ambiguous Terminology: Is the expression "has the markings of a malignancy" a clinically reportable term? See Discussion.

### Discussion:

12/02 Baseline mammogram: spiculated mass with associated marked retraction located in UOQ lt breast. This has the markings of malignancy. Several microcalcifications in outer aspect of rt breast. BI-RADS 5 highly suggestive of malignancy.

### Answer:

Do not accession cases using only the term "has the markings of malignancy." This term is not on the list of ambiguous terms that are reportable. If the term does not appear on either the reportable or not reportable list, the term is not diagnostic of cancer. Do not accession the case.

Please see SINQ 20010094 in reference to BI-RADS terminology.

### Cancer Site Category:

N/A

### Data Item Category:

N/A

### Other Category:

Ambiguous terminology

### Year:

2004