

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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References:

#1: 2004 SEER Manual, C-439. Appendix C

#2: CAP Protocol, Melanoma, 20. Jan 2005, Note N

Question:

Surgery of Primary Site--Melanoma: If the surgical margins are greater than 1 cm for length and width but less than 1 cm for depth, do we code surgery in the 30-33 range?

Discussion:

Answer:

Yes, assign a surgery code from the 30-33 range when any margin is less than 1 cm. Since tumor thickness is an important prognostic factor for cutaneous melanoma, the deep margin is of particular importance.

Cancer Site Category:

Melanoma

Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2005