

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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### References:

2004 SEER Manual, 5

### Question:

Surgery of Primary Site--Breast: How is the surgery field coded when an excisional biopsy that is originally stated to be negative is later determined to be positive on ROS and a mastectomy with negative findings is performed 2 years later? See Discussion.

### Discussion:

Hospital 'A' performed a breast biopsy and found only atypia. Two years later Hospital 'B' re-read the first biopsy as multifocal ductal carcinoma in situ, cribriform type. A mastectomy at Hospital 'B' followed and all specimens from this were negative.

Do we report the procedure at Hospital 'A' an excisional biopsy, despite the negative findings at the time?

### Answer:

For hospital A, follow the instructions in the 2004 SEER Manual on page 5, #4. For hospital B, the case is not reportable.

The diagnosis date is the date of first excision. Code the breast excision from Hospital A as surgery, first course treatment. The mastectomy was not part of first course treatment.

### Cancer Site Category:

Breast

### Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2005