

SEER Inquiry System - Report
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References:

SEER Program Code Manual, C-276. Appendix C

Question:

CS Extension--Pancreas, Head: When a tumor is described as having "vascular encasement of the celiac artery", is extension coded to 68 [tumor is inseparable from the celiac axis]?

Discussion:

Answer:

This answer was provided in the context of CSv1 coding guidelines. The response may not be used after your registry database has been converted to CSv2.

Code vascular encasement of the celiac artery to CS extension code 68 [tumor is inseparable from the celiac axis].

This celiac axis is a small (1cm) area of branching arteries. The celiac artery branches into hepatic, gastric, and splenic at the axis. Dissecting tumor out from around the celiac axis is very tricky and usually encasement by tumor is a sign of inoperability.

Cancer Site Category:

Pancreas

Data Item Category:

N/A

Other Category:

N/A

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