

SEER Inquiry System - Report

Produced: 04/23/2024 5:59 AM

Question 20061070

References:

2004 SEER Manual, 190. #2

Question:

Chemotherapy: If a physician does not document the reason chemotherapy was given concurrently with radiation therapy, should it be assumed to have been used as a radiosensitizer or radioprotectant and then, per SEER chemotherapy coding instruction 2, ignore coding the chemo agent as treatment?

Discussion:

Answer:

Do not assume that a chemo agent given with radiation therapy is a radiosensitizer. Seek additional information.

Compare the dose given to the dose normally given for treatment. When chemotherapeutic agents are used as radiosensitizers or radioprotectants, they are given at a much lower dose.

Cancer Site Category:

N/A

Data Item Category:

Chemotherapy

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2006