

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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## Question 20061120

### References:

2004 SEER Manual, 177, C-607

### Question:

Surgery of Primary Site--Bladder: Should a TURB be coded to 27 [Excisional biopsy; SEER Note: Code TURB as 27] when there is obvious extravesicular extension demonstrated because the 2004 SEER Manual states "Do not code an excisional biopsy when there is macroscopic residual disease"?

### Discussion:

### Answer:

Assign code 27 [excisional biopsy]. The site-specific instructions have priority over the general instructions. According to the instructions for coding surgery of the bladder, use code 27 for TURB.

### Cancer Site Category:

Bladder

### Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2006