

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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References:

2007 SEER Manual, C-578, C-579. Appendix C

Question:

Surgery of Primary Site--Melanoma: Which surgery codes should be used for cases that have a 1 cm margin? See Discussion.

Discussion:

For a melanoma case the surgery codes in the 30's are to be used when margins are stated to be less than 1 cm. The codes in the 40's are to be used for cases where the margins are greater than 1 cm.

Answer:

If the margin is exactly 1 cm, assign a surgery code from the 20-36 range. Use a code in the 40's only when the margin is greater than 1 cm.

Cancer Site Category:

Melanoma

Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2008