

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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## Question 20081075

### References:

2007 SEER Manual, 51

### Question:

Race, ethnicity/Spanish surname or origin: SEER Program Manual instructions state, "Portuguese, Brazilians and Filipinos are not Spanish; Code non-Spanish (code 0)." How is that determined? Is that based SOLELY on birthplace? See Discussion.

### Discussion:

The following are scenarios for which we would like clarification on how to code Spanish Ethnicity.

- Birthplace Portugal; text states Spanish, south American or European Spanish
- Birthplace Brazil, last name is on Spanish surname list; pt is married female. Text states "Hispanic female, NOS"
- Birthplace Brazil or Portugal, text states patient is "Mexican", last name is on Spanish surname list

### Answer:

Information about Spanish origin is available for both of these cases; code the race as Hispanic. Use the SEER manual instruction when the only information available is that the patient was born in Portugal, Brazil or the Philippines. In the absence of additional information, do not assume Hispanic. However, if additional information is available stating that the patient is Hispanic, code as Hispanic.

#### Spanish Surname or Origin Scenarios

- 6 [Spanish, NOS; Hispanic, NOS; Latino, NOS]
- 6 [Spanish, NOS; Hispanic, NOS; Latino, NOS]
- 1 [Mexican (includes Chicano)]

### Cancer Site Category:

N/A

### Data Item Category:

Race, ethnicity

### Other Category:

N/A

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