

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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References:

#1: 2007 SEER Manual, 3

#2: ICD-O-3

Question:

Ambiguous terminology/Reportability--Kidney: Is a case reportable if a biopsy diagnosis of "suggestive of oncocytoma, malignant neoplasm cannot be excluded" follows a CT scan that was read as "suspicious for carcinoma"? See Discussion.

Discussion:

Pt is nursing home resident. CT abdomen/pelvis shows a "mass in the right kidney, highly suspicious for renal cell carcinoma". CT-guided needle biopsy performed with final diagnosis: "Neoplasm suggestive of oncocytoma. A malignant neoplasm cannot be excluded." No other information is available.

Answer:

This case is not reportable based on the information provided. The suspicious CT finding was biopsied and not proven to be malignant. "Suggestive of" is not a reportable ambiguous term.

Cancer Site Category:

Kidney, renal pelvis

Data Item Category:

N/A

Other Category:

Ambiguous terminology, Reportability

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