

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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## Question 20091008

### References:

2007 SEER Manual, C-662 to C-663. Appendix C

### Question:

Surgery of Primary Site--Breast: How is this field coded when a mastectomy and a sentinel lymph node excision, that yields only one lymph node, are performed? See Discussion.

### Discussion:

Is there a minimum number of lymph nodes that must be removed in order to code a modified radical mastectomy?

### Answer:

Assign code 41 [Total (simple) mastectomy...] for a simple mastectomy with removal of one or more sentinel lymph nodes. As long as the nodes removed are designated sentinel, use code 41 for a simple mastectomy.

### Cancer Site Category:

Breast

### Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2009