

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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### References:

#1: WHO Class Digest System Tumors, 62. 2000

#2: 2007 SEER Manual, 1

### Question:

Behavior/Reportability--All sites: Would a GIST tumor stated to be "high risk for malignant behavior" be a reportable GIST? See Discussion.

### Discussion:

According to our pathologist and oncologist, the terms "malignant" and "benign" do not apply to GIST. Rather, the term "high risk for malignant behavior" is used. This is based on tumor size: greater than 5 cm and mitotic activity: greater than 5 mitoses/50 hpf.

### Answer:

Do not report the case to SEER if it does not satisfy the criteria for reportability. According to the current reportability criteria, malignant GIST (8936/3) is reportable to SEER. GIST coded to 8936/0 or 8936/1 is not reportable. If your pathologist will not indicate "malignant" or "benign," code 8936/1 applies according to ICD-O-3 and, therefore, these are not reportable to SEER.

### Cancer Site Category:

Stomach

### Data Item Category:

Behavior

### Other Category:

Reportability

### Year:

2009