

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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## Question 20091076

### References:

#1: 2007 SEER Manual, C-662. Appendix C

#2: 2007 SEER Manual, 180. SINC 20091008

### Question:

Surgery of Primary Site/Scope Regional LN Surgery--Breast: How should these fields be coded when a sentinel lymph node dissection removes one-to-three axillary lymph nodes and a total/simple mastectomy is done?

### Discussion:

### Answer:

Assign code 41 [Total (simple) mastectomy, NOS WITHOUT removal of uninvolved contralateral breast] for Surgery of Primary Site. Assign code 2 [Sentinel lymph node biopsy] for Scope of Regional Lymph Node surgery. Code 41 applies to a total/simple mastectomy with any number of sentinel lymph nodes removed -- as long as all of the nodes removed are designated as sentinel nodes.

### Cancer Site Category:

Breast

### Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site, Scope Regional LN Surgery

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2009