

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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References:

2007 SEER Manual, 3

Question:

Reportability/Ambiguous Terminology--Prostate: Is a prostate biopsy that states "highly suspicious for, but not diagnostic of adenocarcinoma, suggest another biopsy" reportable?

Discussion:

Answer:

Do not report. "Not diagnostic of" means that while the pathologist is seeing some features that resemble cancer, there are not enough features to feel comfortable making an unquestionable diagnosis. Watch for another biopsy of the patient in the next 3-6 months. The statement "not diagnostic of" overrules the "highly suspicious" statement.

Cancer Site Category:

Prostate

Data Item Category:

N/A

Other Category:

Reportability, Ambiguous terminology

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