

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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Inquiry Details

References:

#1: 2022 SEER Manual. Appendix C: Skin Surgery Codes

#2: NCCN Guidelines Melanoma: Cutaneous. Version 2.2022, January 26, 2022

Question:

Surgery of Primary Site--Melanoma: How is Surgery of Primary Site coded when a path specimen is labeled as a "staged excision" for a cutaneous melanoma. See Discussion.

Discussion:

Patient was diagnosed on biopsy with lentigo maligna melanoma of the nasal dorsum. The only available documentation of the subsequent surgery is a single pathology report with the nasal dorsum "staged excision (debulking specimen)" and four additional "staged excision" specimens of the same site.

Is it safe to assume this is a Mohs surgery? Would it be safe to assume staged excisions of sites other than skin of face, are also Mohs surgery?

Answer:

Interpret a "staged excision" for cutaneous melanoma as a type of Mohs surgery.

Skin surgery codes are currently under review and revision. Document details in available text fields.

Cancer Site Category:

Melanoma

Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site

Other Category:

N/A

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