

SEER Inquiry System - Report

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References:

Bethesda Classification

Question:

Reportability--Thyroid: Is a case with thyroid fine needle aspirate (FNA) cytology with nodule 1 Bethesda category 5 and nodule 2 Bethesda 6, reportable in 2021? Does the Bethesda category 5 or 6 have any bearing on reportability?

Discussion:

Answer:

In the absence of information to the contrary, thyroid FNAs designated as Bethesda classification category VI are reportable. Thyroid FNAs designated as Bethesda classification category V are not reportable unless there is additional information confirming a reportable diagnosis. For both Bethesda V and VI, NCCN Guidelines recommend total thyroidectomy or lobectomy (depending on tumor size and nodal involvement) for the purposes of definitive diagnosis/treatment, so additional information should be available.

We will add this to the next version of the SEER manual.

In your example, nodule 1 Bethesda V is not reportable. Nodule 2 Bethesda VI is reportable.

Cancer Site Category:

Thyroid

Data Item Category:

N/A

Other Category:

Reportability

Year:

2023