Question 20230020

References:

2023 SEER Manual, 169-171; 190-192. Surgery of Primary Site 2023; Reason for No Surgery of Primary Site

Question:

First Course Treatment/Reason for No Surgery of Primary Site: How should Reason for No Surgery of Primary Site be coded for cases when surgery was planned but aborted due to extent of disease seen during planned procedure? See Discussion.

Discussion:

Lung abnormality on imaging prompted diagnosis on subsequent biopsy and clinical staging was documented as cT1b N0 M0. There was an attempt at resection, but the patient was found to have chest wall involvement and the procedure was aborted.

How would Reason for No Surgery of Primary Site be coded in these types of scenarios when the surgery is aborted and the treatment plan changes due to the extension seen during surgery?

Answer:

For the example provided: For 2023 cases and forward, if no part of the surgery was performed, code *Surgery of Primary Site 2023* (NAACCR Item #1291) as code A000 or B000 (no surgical procedure of the primary site). Code *Reason for No Surgery of Primary Site* (NAACCR Item #1340) as code 2 (surgery of the primary site was not recommended/performed because it was contraindicated due to patient risk factors (comorbid conditions, advanced age, progression of tumor prior to planned surgery, etc.).

In contrast, if any part of the surgery was performed, assign the *Surgery of Primary Site 2023* (NAACCR Item #1291) code that best reflects the extent of the surgery performed. Code *Reason for No Surgery of Primary Site* (NAACCR Item #1340) as code 0 (surgery of the primary site was performed).

Use text fields to record the details.

For cases prior to 2023, apply the same approach using *Surgery of Primary Site* (NAACCR Item #1290) instead of *Surgery of Primary Site 2023* (NAACCR Item #1291).

Cancer Site Category:

N/A

Data Item Category:

Surgery of Primary Site, Reason no treatment

Other Category:

N/A

Year:

2023