

**DATA STANDARDS AND QUALITY CONTROL
MEMORANDUM
DSQC #2002-02**

CATEGORY: CLARIFICATION
SUBJECT: SURGICAL MARGIN CLARIFICATIONS FOR
MELANOMA: SURGERY CODES 40 AND 50
EFFECTIVE: CASES DIAGNOSED 1/1/2002 FORWARD

Clarification of surgery codes 40 and 50 for surgical margins of melanoma has recently been provided by the Commission on Cancer. Please make the following changes as noted:

- Code 40** **Wide excision or re-excision of lesion or minor (local) amputation, NOS. Margins of excision are 1 cm or less. Margins may be microscopically involved. Local amputation is the surgical resection of digits, ear, eyelid, lip or nose.**
- Code 50** **Radical excision of a lesion, 1 cm or more, NOS
Margins of excision are greater than 1 cm and grossly tumor free.
The margins may be microscopically involved.**