

REASON FOR NO CANCER-DIRECTED SURGERY

Section V, Field 02.G

Reason for No Surgery of Primary Site (revised 5/1/03)

Former name: **Reason for No Cancer-Directed Surgery**

Note: To be compatible with codes recorded in hospital-based registries, this field applies only to the reason that Surgery of Primary Site was not performed. In addition, the definition “Autopsy only case” formerly in code 2 has been moved to code 9, and code 5 has been added. The changes to this field are effective for cases diagnosed on or after January 1, 2003.

Code

- 0 Surgery of primary site was performed.
- 1 Surgery of primary site not performed because it was not part of the planned first course of treatment. [Previous SEER terminology: Cancer-directed surgery not recommended]
- 2 Surgery of primary site not recommended/performed because it was contraindicated due to patient risk factors (comorbid conditions, advanced age, etc.) [Previous SEER terminology: Contraindicated due to other conditions; Autopsy Only case]
- 5 Surgery of primary site was not performed because the patient died prior to planned or recommended surgery. [new code]
- 6 Surgery of primary site not performed; it was recommended by the patient’s physician, but was not performed as part of the first course of therapy. No reason was noted in patient record. [Previous SEER terminology: Unknown reason for no cancer-directed surgery]
- 7 Surgery of primary site was not performed; it was recommended by the patient’s physician, but this treatment was refused by the patient, the patient’s family member, or the patient’s guardian. The refusal was noted in the patient record. [Previous SEER terminology: Patient or patient's guardian refused]
- 8 Surgery of primary site was recommended, but it is unknown if it was performed. Further follow-up is recommended. [Previous SEER terminology: Recommended, unknown if done]
- 9 It is unknown whether surgery of the primary site was recommended or performed. Diagnosed at autopsy or death certificate only. [Previous SEER terminology: Unknown if cancer-directed surgery performed; Death Certificate Only case]

Revised Instructions

If the site-specific surgery of the primary site is coded, then code the Reason for No Surgery of Primary Site as ‘0.’

If Surgery of Primary Site is coded ‘00’ or ‘98’, record the reason based on the documentation in the patient record.

Use code ‘1’ if the treatment plan offered multiple options and the patient selected treatment that did not include surgery of the primary site, or if the only option “no treatment” was offered and accepted by the patient.

Use code ‘7’ if the patient refused recommended surgical treatment, made a blanket refusal of all recommended treatment, or refused all treatment before any was recommended.

Code ‘8’ cases should be followed back to the clinician after some length of time and updated to a more definitive code as appropriate.

Use code ‘9’ if the treatment plan offered multiple choices, but it was unknown which treatment, if any, was provided.