

Changes to SEER Data Set for 2003

Scope of Regional Lymph Node Surgery

Effective 1/1/2003. All primary sites will have the same coding structure for this field

None

No regional lymph node surgery. No lymph nodes found in the pathologic specimen.
Diagnosed at autopsy.

1 Biopsy or aspiration of regional lymph node, NOS

Biopsy or aspiration of regional lymph node(s) regardless of the extent of involvement of disease.

2 Sentinel lymph node biopsy

Biopsy of the first lymph node or nodes that drain a defined area of tissue within the body.
Sentinel node(s) are identified by the injection of a dye or radio label at the site of the primary tumor.

3 Number of regional nodes removed unknown or not stated; regional lymph nodes removed, NOS

Sampling or dissection of regional lymph node(s) and the number of nodes removed is unknown or not stated. The procedure is not specified as sentinel node biopsy.

4 1-3 regional lymph nodes removed

Sampling or dissection of regional lymph node(s) with fewer than four lymph nodes found in the specimen. The procedure is not specified as sentinel node biopsy.

5 4 or more regional lymph nodes removed

Sampling or dissection of regional lymph nodes with at least four lymph nodes found in the specimen. The procedure is not specified as sentinel node biopsy.

6 Sentinel node biopsy and code 3, 4, or 5 at same time, or timing not stated

Code 2 was performed in a single surgical event with code 3, 4, or 5. Or, code 2 and 3, 4, or 5 were performed, but timing was not stated in patient record.

7 Sentinel node biopsy and code 3, 4, or 5 at different times

Code 2 was followed in a subsequent surgical event by procedure 3, 4, or 5.

9 Unknown or not applicable

It is unknown whether regional lymph node surgery was performed; death certificate-only; for lymphomas with a lymph node primary site; an unknown or ill-defined primary; or for hematopoietic, reticuloendothelial, immunoproliferative or myeloproliferative disease.

Surgical Procedure of Other Site

Effective 1/1/2003. All primary sites will have the same coding structure for this field. This field records the surgical removal of regional tissues other than nodes, distant lymph nodes or other tissue(s)/organ(s) beyond the primary site.

0 None

No surgical procedure of non-primary site was performed. Diagnosed at autopsy.

1 Non-primary surgical procedure performed

Non-primary surgical resection to other site(s), unknown if whether the site(s) is regional or distant.

Non-primary surgical procedure to other regional sites

Resection of regional site.

Note: for en bloc resection with primary site, see Surgery of Primary Site field. Do not code en bloc resection here.

3 Non-primary surgical procedure to distant lymph node(s)

Resection of distant lymph node(s).

4 Non-primary surgical procedure to distant site

Resection of distant site.

Combination of codes

Any combination of surgical procedures 2, 3, or 4.

9 Unknown

It is unknown whether any surgical procedure of a non-primary site was performed.
Death certificate only.

Chemotherapy

Effective 1/1/2003. Chemotherapy field expanded to two digits with previous single digit codes left intact. Treatments (none or actual) in 00-09 range. Reasons treatment not administered in 80-89 range. Unknown is now 99.

- 00 None; chemotherapy was not part of the planned first course of therapy
- 01 Chemotherapy administered as first course therapy, but the type and number of agents is not documented in patient record.
- 02 Single-agent chemotherapy administered as first course therapy.
- 03 Multi-agent chemotherapy administered as first course therapy.
- 82 [new] Chemotherapy was not recommended/administered because it was contraindicated due to patient risk factors (i.e., comorbid conditions, advanced age).
- 85 [new] Chemotherapy was not administered because the patient died prior to planned or recommended therapy.
- 86 [new] Chemotherapy was not administered. It was recommended by the patient's physician, but was not administered as part of the first course of therapy. No reason was stated in patient record.
- 87 Chemotherapy was not administered. It was recommended by the patient's physician, but this treatment was refused by the patient, a patient's family member, or the patient's guardian. The refusal was noted in patient record.
- 88 Chemotherapy was recommended, but it is unknown if it was administered.
- 99 It is unknown whether a chemotherapeutic agent(s) was recommended or administered because it is not stated in patient record. Death certificate only.

Hormone Therapy

Effective 1/1/2003. Hormone Therapy field expanded to two digits with previous single digit codes left generally intact. Endocrine surgery and radiation moved to new Hematologic Transplant and Endocrine Procedures field Treatments (none or actual) in 00-09 range. Reasons treatment not administered in 80-89 range. Unknown is now 99.

- 00 None, hormone therapy was not part of the planned first course of therapy.
- 01 Hormone therapy administered as first course therapy.
- 82 [new] Hormone therapy was not recommended/administered because it was contraindicated due to patient risk factors (i.e., comorbid conditions, advanced age).
- 85 [new] Hormone therapy was not administered because the patient died prior to planned or recommended therapy.
- 86 [new] Hormone therapy was not administered. It was recommended by the patient's physician, but was not administered as part of the first course of therapy. No reason was stated in patient record.
- 87 Hormone therapy was not administered. It was recommended by the patient's physician, but this treatment was refused by the patient, a patient's family member, or the patient's guardian. The refusal was noted in patient record.
- 88 Hormone therapy was recommended, but it is unknown if it was administered.
- 99 It is unknown whether a hormonal agent(s) was recommended or administered because it is not stated in patient record. Death certificate only.

Immunotherapy

Effective 1/1/2003. Immunotherapy field expanded to two digits with previous single digit codes left generally intact. Bone marrow transplant and stem cell procedures moved to new Hematologic Transplant and Endocrine Procedures field Treatments (none or actual) in 00-09 range. Reasons treatment not administered in 80-89 range. Unknown is now 99.

- 00 None, immunotherapy was not part of the planned first course of therapy.
- 01 Immunotherapy administered as first course therapy.
- 82 [new] Immunotherapy was not recommended/administered because it was contraindicated due to patient risk factors (i.e., comorbid conditions, advanced age).
- 85 [new] Immunotherapy was not administered because the patient died prior to planned or recommended therapy.
- 86 [new] Immunotherapy was not administered. It was recommended by the patient's physician, but was not administered as part of the first course of therapy. No reason was stated in patient record.
- 87 Immunotherapy was not administered. It was recommended by the patient's physician, but this treatment was refused by the patient, a patient's family member, or the patient's guardian. The refusal was noted in patient record.
- 88 Immunotherapy was recommended, but it is unknown if it was administered.
- 99 It is unknown whether an immunotherapeutic agent(s) was recommended or administered because it is not stated in patient record. Death certificate only.

Hematologic Transplant and Endocrine Procedures

NEW field effective 1/1/2003. Bone marrow and stem cell procedures are now coded in this field. Endocrine surgery or radiation is now coded in this field. Treatments (none or actual) in 00-30 range. Combination hematologic transplant and endocrine procedures coded as 40. Reasons treatment not administered in 80-89 range. Unknown is now 99.

- 00 No transplant procedure or endocrine therapy was administered as part of first course therapy.
- 10 A bone marrow transplant procedure was administered, but the type was not specified.
- 11 Bone marrow transplant-autologous.
- 12 Bone marrow transplant-allogeneic.
- 20 Stem cell harvest.
- 30 Endocrine surgery and/or endocrine radiation therapy.
- 40 Combination of endocrine surgery and/or radiation with a transplant procedure. (Combination of codes 30 with 10-20.)
- 82 Hematologic transplant and/or endocrine surgery/radiation was not recommended/administered because it was contraindicated due to patient risk factors (i.e., comorbid conditions, advanced age).
- 85 Hematologic transplant and/or endocrine surgery/radiation was not administered because the patient died prior to planned or recommended therapy.
- 86 Hematologic transplant and/or endocrine surgery/radiation was not administered. It was recommended by the patient's physician, but was not administered as part of the first course of therapy. No reason was stated in patient record.
- 87 Hematologic transplant and/or endocrine surgery/radiation was not administered. It was recommended by the patient's physician, but this treatment was refused by the patient, a patient's family member, or the patient's guardian. The refusal was noted in patient record.
- 88 Hematologic transplant and/or endocrine surgery/radiation was recommended, but it is unknown if it was administered.
- 99 It is unknown whether hematologic transplant and/or endocrine surgery/radiation was recommended or administered because it is not stated in patient record. Death certificate only.