

SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2012 Appendix C
Summary of Changes

Section	Data Item	Change	Notes/Comments
Appendix C	Coding Guidelines – Rectosigmoid Junction	New section	
Appendix C	Coding Guidelines - Breast	Coding Subsites instructions updated	REMOVED duplicate statement about coding the subsite of the invasive tumor.
Appendix C	Surgery Codes - Breast	Code 30 definition updated	A subcutaneous mastectomy is the removal of breast tissue without the nipple and areolar complex or overlying skin.
Appendix C	Surgery Codes – Breast	Total (simple) mastectomy definition updated.	REMOVED “but sentinel lymph nodes may be removed.”
Appendix C	Surgery Codes – Breast	SEER Note/Example added under code 40.	Example: Inflammatory carcinoma involving both breasts. Bilateral simple mastectomies. Code Surgery of Primary Site 41 and Surgical Procedure of Other Site 1.
Appendix C	Surgery Codes – Breast	SEER Note under code 40 updated.	REMOVED “Code the Surgery of Primary Site field to 41 when 0 axillary lymph nodes are present in the specimen. Code 41 also includes removal of one to three axillary lymph nodes (sentinel nodes). Code the Surgery of Primary Site field to 51 when more than three axillary lymph nodes are present in the specimen.”
Appendix C	Surgery Codes – Breast	Code 50 definition updated	REMOVED “If only sentinel lymph nodes are removed, the procedure should be coded a simple mastectomy.”
Appendix C	Coding Guidelines – Bladder	Histology section information updated	Changed percentages to general statement that “most bladder cancers are transitional cell carcinomas...”

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Appendix C	Coding Guidelines – Bladder	Grade instructions updated	Added section for Non-invasive papillary urothelial (transitional) carcinoma – Low grade = Grade 1, High grade = Grade 3. Urothelial carcinoma insitu – Code grade 9.
Appendix C	Surgery Codes – Bladder	Code 16 instructions added	Also code the introduction of immunotherapy in the immunotherapy items. If immunotherapy is followed by surgery of the type coded 20-80, code that surgery instead and code the immunotherapy only as immunotherapy.
Appendix C	Coding Guidelines – Urethra	Grade instructions updated	REMOVED Urothelial Carcinoma Low grade and High grade.