Ovarian vs Peritoneal Primary

Per SEER, if it is not clear where the tumor originated, use the following criteria to distinguish ovarian primaries from peritoneal primaries:

The primary site is probably ovarian, UNLESS:

- Ovaries have been previously removed
- Ovaries are not involved (negative)
- Ovaries have no area of involvement greater than 5mm

Descriptions such as "bulky mass," "omentumal caking" probably indicate an ovarian primary.

Descriptions such as "seeding," "studding," "salting" probably indicate a peritoneal primary.

Reference: SEER Inquiry System (ID#20041013), last updated 02/26/2009