

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**," "**omental 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