

Urine Cytology Reporting for 2013

Per SEER starting in 2013, **positive urine cytologies** should be reported when encountered. Only cases that document the presence of “**positive malignant cells**” or “**(malignant) cells interpreted as carcinoma**” **should be reported**. These cases should be coded to **C689 Urinary System NOS in the absence of any other information on site of origin**.

There are, however, **two exceptions** to this:

- 1) If the positive urine cytology is *later followed* by a **negative tissue bx of a urinary site, DO NOT REPORT**. In this situation, the pathology proved the cytology to be incorrect. The pathologic diagnosis is the “gold standard.” When cytology and pathology disagree, use the pathology. (SEER SINC 20100106 & 20120079)
- 2) Cases utilizing **ambiguous terminology are NOT REPORTABLE**. For example, Urine Cytology: **suspicious** for malignant cells. Please refer to the “Exception” note located at the top of page 6 in the 2012 Seer Program Coding Staging Manual (http://www.seer.cancer.gov/manuals/2012/SPCSM_2012_maindoc.pdf).