

Early OR Evolving Melanoma: A Reportability Issue (2021 UPDATE)

01/01/2021 FORWARD

Per SEER, for cases diagnosed January 1, 2021 FORWARD, *early or evolving melanoma in situ, or any other early or evolving invasive melanoma*, **ARE NOW REPORTABLE!**

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Per SEER, for cases diagnosed January 1, 2018 forward, *early or evolving melanomas* of **any type** are **NOT REPORTABLE**. This includes ANY invasive and/or in situ melanomas **described as early or evolving**.

Examples of NR “EARLY/EVOLVING” MM/MIS TYPES include but are NOT limited to:

- Early/evolving lentigo maligna
- Early/evolving melanoma in situ lentigo maligna type
- Early/evolving melanoma in situ NOS
- Early/evolving melanoma in situ (insert other type, i.e superficial spreading)
- Early/evolving malignant melanoma (insert specific type, i.e superficial spreading)
- Invasive early/evolving melanoma (insert other type, i.e superficial spreading)

“Early Lesion” Issue still requiring standard setter/CAP clarification:

Some pathologists may document their findings as “MMIS (malignant melanoma in situ), **early lesion**” OR “MM (malignant melanoma), **early lesion.**” **This documentation is not as clear-cut as it appears.**

SEER is waiting on CAP to determine if “early lesions” are synonymous with early or evolving MM/MIS BEFORE issuing a statement on reportability for these type of cases.

PRIOR to 2018

Skin pathology reports that record the histology as either “**Early**” OR “**Evolving**” Melanoma NOS OR “**Early/Evolving**” Melanoma NOS (with NO STATEMENT of IN-SITU OR INVASION) are **NOT REPORTABLE**.

Example 1: Shave Bx skin LT arm: Early melanoma. ***This would NOT be reportable because there was no statement of being either in-situ OR invasive. It was only stated to be an “Early” melanoma NOS.***

Example 2: Excisional Bx skin of medial chest: Early/evolving melanoma. ***Again, this would NOT be reportable because there was no statement of being either in-situ OR invasive. It was only stated to be either an “Early or evolving” melanoma NOS.***

Example 3: Shave Bx forehead skin: Evolving melanoma. Re-exc skin of forehead: no residual melanoma. ***This would also NOT be reportable because no in-situ OR invasive statement was provided. It was only stated to be an "Evolving" melanoma NOS. "No residual melanoma" is not diagnostic of a reportable neoplasm.***

Example 4: Punch Bx RT leg: Evolving in-situ melanoma. ***This is REPORTABLE because the pathologist included an "in-situ" statement.***

Example 5: Shave Bx Skin of Scalp: Early/evolving invasive melanoma. ***Again, this is REPORTABLE because the pathologist included a statement of "invasion."***

The following melanoma skin histologies ARE REPORTABLE:

- Melanoma, NOS
- Early invasive melanoma
- Evolving invasive melanoma
- Early/evolving invasive melanoma
- In-situ melanoma (MIS)
- Early in-situ melanoma
- Evolving in-situ melanoma
- Early/evolving in-situ melanoma

REFERENCES: 2018 SPCSM APPENDIX C & E; SEER SINC 20190050; 20180029; 20130022; 20110040; 2021 SPCSM APPENDIX C & E