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Papillary tumor: A papillary bladder, ureter, or renal pelvis tumor is a warty growth that is attached to the wall by a stalk.

Papillary and Flat Carcinomas: Urothelial carcinomas may be either flat or papillary. The terms papillary and flat describe the structure or architecture of the tumor, not a specific histologic type. Both are transitional cell/urothelial carcinoma, although there are behavioral differences between the two.

Prostatic Urethra: Adenocarcinoma of the prostatic urethra is usually an extension of adenocarcinoma of the prostate. Transitional cell/urothelial carcinoma in the prostatic urethra may be an extension from the bladder or may be primary in the prostatic urethra. .

Satellite lesion or metastasis: Metastatic lesion within the immediate vicinity of the primary tumor.

Transitional cell carcinoma usually begins in the renal pelvis, not in the kidney. The cancer cells are different from renal cell carcinoma.

Transitional epithelium: A highly expandable epithelium that has a layered appearance with large cube-shaped cells in the relaxed state that transform and stretch into broad and flat cells in the expanded or distended state.

Urinary tract: Structures lined by transitional epithelium also known as urothelium.

Urothelium: The transitional epithelium lining the wall of the bladder, ureter, and renal pelvis, external to the basement membrane.

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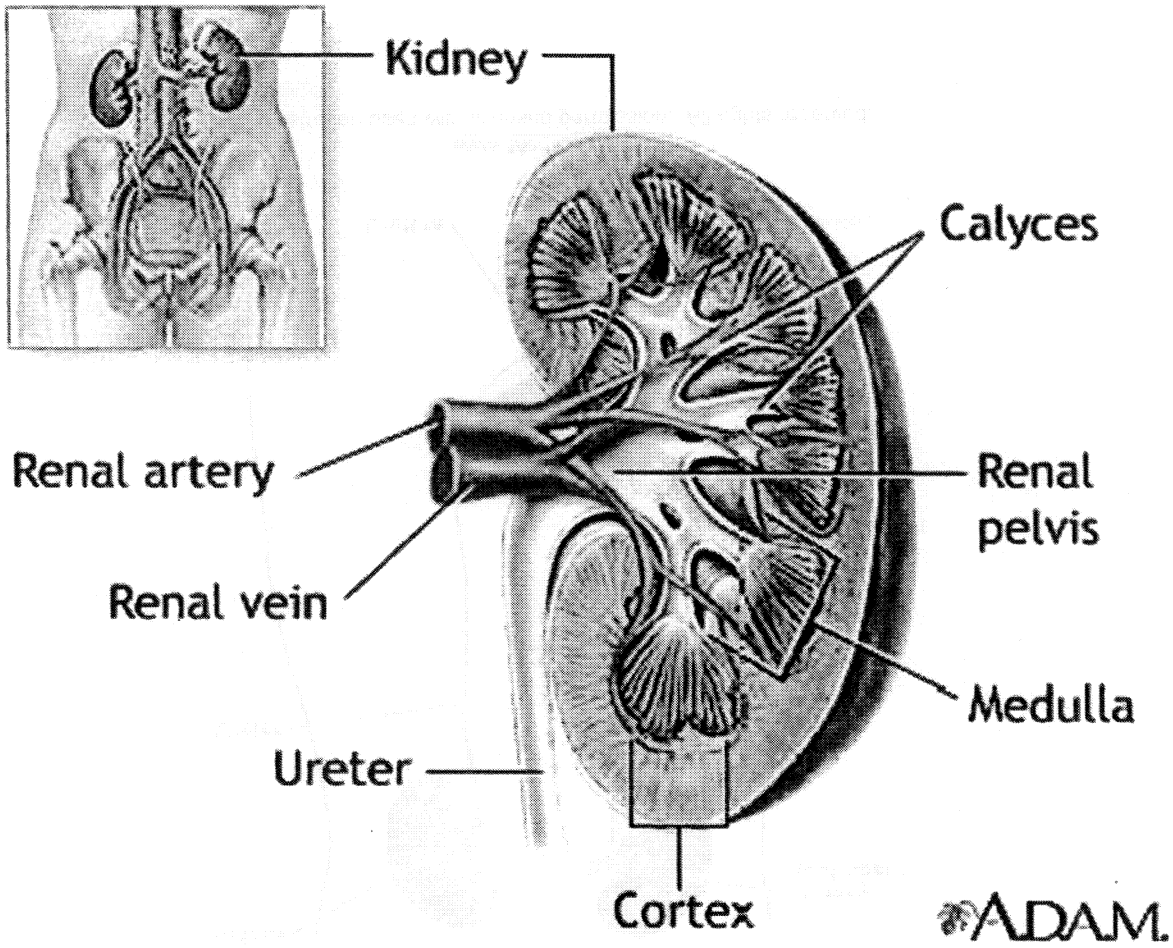
Table 1 – Urothelial Tumors
Note: Excludes pure squamous carcinoma, glandular (adeno) carcinoma, or other bladder tumor histologies.

Urothelial/Transitional Cell Tumors	Code
With squamous differentiation	8120
With glandular differentiation	
With trophoblastic differentiation	
Nested	
Microcystic	
Transitional cell, NOS	
Papillary carcinoma	8130
Papillary transitional cell	
Micropapillary	8131
Lymphoepithelioma-like	8082
Plasmacytoid	
Sarcomatoid	8122
Giant cell	8031
Undifferentiated	8020

Table 2 – Changes to Previous SEER Site Grouping Table

Previous to 2007, tumors in the sites below were abstracted as a single primary.

Code	Site Grouping
C64	Kidney
C65	Renal pelvis
C66	Ureter
C68	Other and unspecified urinary organs



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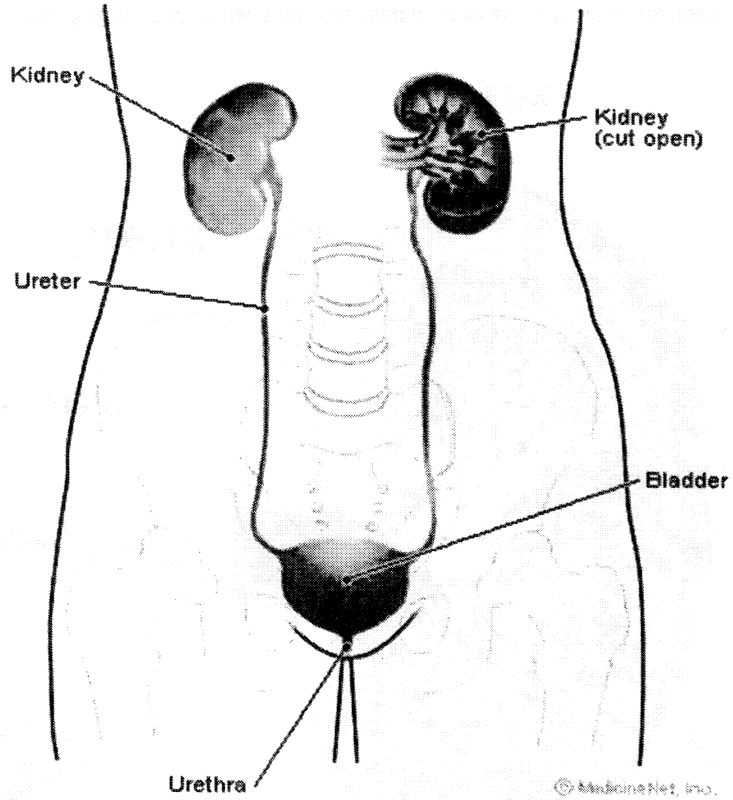

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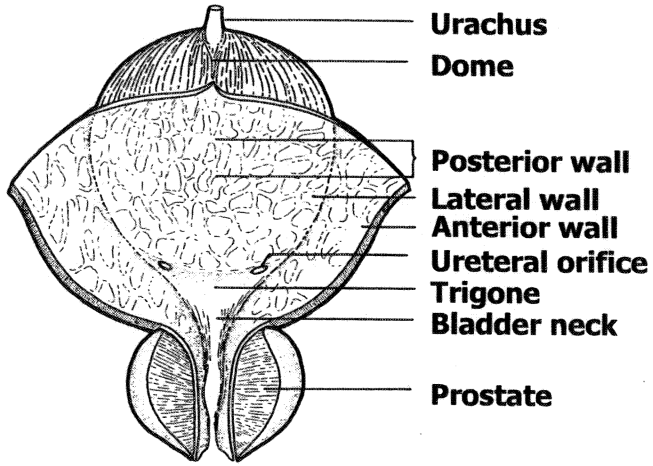

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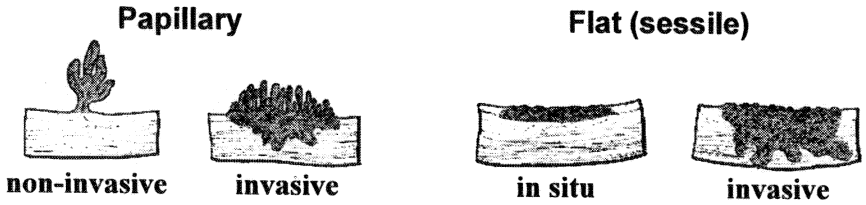

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UNKNOWN IF SINGLE OR MULTIPLE TUMORS

Note: Tumor(s) not described as metastasis

Rule M1 When it is not possible to determine if there is a **single** tumor **or multiple** tumors, opt for a single tumor and abstract as a single primary.*
Note: Use this rule only after all information sources have been exhausted.

*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**
This is the end of instructions for Unknown if Single or Multiple Tumors.

SINGLE TUMOR

Note 1: Tumor not described as metastasis
Note 2: Includes combinations of in situ and invasive

Rule M2 A **single tumor** is always a single primary. *
Note: The tumor may overlap onto or extend into adjacent/contiguous site or subsite.

This is the end of instructions for Single Tumor.
*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**

MULTIPLE TUMORS

Multiple tumors may be a single primary or multiple primaries.
Note 1: Tumors not described as metastases
Note 2: Includes combinations of in situ and invasive

Rule M3 When no other urinary sites are involved, tumor(s) in the **right renal pelvis AND** tumor(s) in the **left renal pelvis** are multiple primaries. **
Note: Use this rule and abstract as a multiple primary unless documented to be metastatic

Rule M4 When no other urinary sites are involved, tumor(s) in both the **right ureter AND** tumor(s) in the **left ureter** are multiple primaries. **
Note: Use this rule and abstract as a multiple primary unless documented to be metastatic

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Rule M5 An **invasive** tumor **following** a **non-invasive or in situ** tumor more than 60 days after diagnosis is a multiple primary. **
Note 1: The purpose of this rule is to ensure that the case is counted as an incident (invasive) case when incidence data are analyzed.
Note 2: Abstract as multiple primaries even if the medical record/physician states it is recurrence or progression of disease

Rule M6 Bladder tumors with any **combination** of the following histologies: **papillary carcinoma** (8050), **transitional cell carcinoma** (8120-8124), **or papillary transitional cell carcinoma** (8130-8131), are a single primary. *

Rule M7 Tumors diagnosed **more than three (3) years** apart are multiple primaries. **

Rule M8 Urothelial tumors in two or more of the following sites are a single primary* (See Table 1)

- Renal pelvis (C659)
- Ureter(C669)
- Bladder (C670-C679)
- Urethra /prostatic urethra (C680)

Rule M9 Tumors with ICD-O-3 **histology** codes that are **different** at the first (xxxx), second (xxxx) or third (xxxx) number are multiple primaries. **

Rule M10 Tumors in sites with ICD-O-3 **topography** codes with **different** second (Cxxx) and/or third characters (Cxxx) are multiple primaries*

Rule M11 Tumors that **do not meet any** of the above **criteria** are a single primary.*
Note: When an invasive tumor follows an in situ tumor within 60 days, abstract as a single primary.

This is the end of instructions for Multiple Tumors.
*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**
**** Prepare two or more abstracts. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code to each case abstracted.**

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SINGLE TUMOR

Rule H1 Code the histology documented by the physician when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen** or the **pathology/cytology** report is **not available**.

Note 1: Priority for using documents to code the histology
- Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings
- Physician's reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record
- CT or MRI scans

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

Note 3: Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm) or 8010 (carcinoma, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented.

Rule H2 Code the histology from the metastatic site when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site**.

Note: Code the behavior /3.

Rule H3 Code **8120** (transitional cell/urothelial carcinoma) (Table 1 - Code 8120) when there is:
- Pure transitional cell carcinoma or
- Flat (non-papillary) transitional cell carcinoma or
- Transitional cell carcinoma with squamous differentiation or
- Transitional cell carcinoma with glandular differentiation or
- Transitional cell carcinoma with trophoblastic differentiation or
- Nested transitional cell carcinoma or
- Microcystic transitional cell carcinoma

Rule H4 Code **8130** (papillary transitional cell carcinoma) (Table 1 - Code 8130) when there is:
- Papillary carcinoma or
- Papillary transitional cell carcinoma or
- Papillary carcinoma and transitional cell carcinoma

Rule H5 Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified

Note : Only code squamous cell carcinoma (8070) when there are no other histologies present (pure squamous cell carcinoma).

Rule H6 Code the invasive histologic type when a single tumor has **invasive and in situ** components.

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Rule H7 **Code the** most **specific** histologic **term**:

Examples

- Cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS (8000) and a more specific histology or
- Carcinoma, NOS (8010) and a more specific carcinoma or
- Sarcoma, NOS (8800) and a more specific sarcoma (invasive only)

Note 1: The specific histology for **in situ** tumors may be identified as pattern, architecture, type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____differentiation

Note 2: The specific histology for **invasive** tumors may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____differentiation.

Rule H8 Code the histology with the **numerically higher** ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for Single Tumor.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

MULTIPLE TUMORS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY

Rule H9 Code the histology documented by the physician when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen** or the **pathology/cytology** report is **not available**.

Note 1: Priority for using documents to code the histology

- Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings
- Physician's reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record
- CT or MRI scans

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

Note 3: Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm) or 8010 (carcinoma, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented.

Rule H10 Code the histology from the metastatic site when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site**.

Note: Code the behavior /3.

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Rule H11 Code **8120** (transitional cell/urothelial carcinoma) (Table 1 – Code 8120) when there is:

- Pure transitional cell carcinoma or
- Flat (non-papillary) transitional cell carcinoma or
- Transitional cell carcinoma with squamous differentiation or
- Transitional cell carcinoma with glandular differentiation or
- Transitional cell carcinoma with trophoblastic differentiation or
- Nested transitional cell carcinoma or
- Microcystic transitional cell carcinoma

Note: Flat transitional cell carcinoma is a more important prognostic indicator than papillary, and is likely to be treated more aggressively.

Rule H12 Code **8130** (papillary transitional cell carcinoma) (Table 1 – Code 8130) when there is:

- Papillary carcinoma or
- Papillary transitional cell carcinoma or
- Papillary carcinoma and transitional cell carcinoma

Rule H13 Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified

Note: Only code squamous cell carcinoma (8070) when there are no other histologies present (pure squamous cell carcinoma).

Rule H14 Code the histology of the **most invasive** tumor.

Note: See the Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder and Other Urinary Equivalent Terms, Definitions, Tables and Illustrations for the definition of most invasive.

- If one tumor is in situ and one is invasive, code the histology from the invasive tumor.
- If both/all histologies are invasive, code the histology of the most invasive tumor.

Rule H15 Code the histology with the **numerically higher** ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for Multiple Tumors Abstracted as a Single Primary.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

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Note: Benign and borderline intracranial and CNS tumors have a separate set of rules.

There are two types of cells that make up the nervous system: *neurons* and *neuroglia* . Neurons send and receive nerve messages. Neuroglia, otherwise known as *glial cells* , often surround the neurons. Glial cells play a supportive role by nourishing, protecting and supporting neurons. There are six kinds of glial cells; oligodendrocytes, astrocytes, ependymal cells, Schwann cells, microglia, and satellite cells. http://www.braintumorfoundation.org/tumors/primer.htm.

It is important to know that any of the glial tumors (Chart 1) can recur as a glioblastoma or glioblastoma multiforme.

Equivalent or Equal Terms (Terms that can be used interchangeably)

- Tumor, mass, lesion, neoplasm
- Type, subtype, variant

Definitions

Astrocytoma: A tumor that begins in the brain or spinal cord in small, star-shaped cells called astrocytes. "Astrocytoma" is a term that applies to a group of neoplasms that can be divided into the following clinical-pathological components: Diffuse astrocytomas, anaplastic astrocytomas (grade III), and glioblastoma multiforme (grade IV).

Cerebellum: The part of the brain below the back of the cerebrum. It regulates balance, posture, movement, and muscle coordination.

Corpus Callosum: A large bundle of nerve fibers that connect the left and right cerebral hemispheres. In the lateral section, it looks a bit like a "C" on its side.

Ependymoma: A glioma derived from relatively undifferentiated ependymal cells, comprising approximately 1–3% of all intracranial neoplasms. Ependymomas occur in all age groups and may originate from the lining of any of the ventricles or, more commonly, from the central canal of the spinal cord. Histologically, the neoplastic cells tend to be arranged radially around blood vessels, to which they are attached by means of fibrillary processes.

Frontal Lobe of the Cerebrum: The top, front region of each of the cerebral hemispheres. Used for reasoning, emotions, judgment, and voluntary movement.

Glioblastoma: A malignant rapidly growing Astrocytoma of the central nervous system. These neoplasms grow rapidly, invade extensively, and occur most frequently in the cerebrum of adults. Any glial tumor can recur as a glioblastoma or a glioblastoma multiforme (see Chart 1)

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Glioma: Any neoplasm derived from one of the various types of cells that form the interstitial tissue of the brain, spinal cord, pineal gland, posterior pituitary gland, and retina. About half of all primary brain tumors and one-fifth of all primary spinal cord tumors form from glial cells. Gliomas tend to grow in the cerebral hemispheres, but may also occur in the brain stem, optic nerves, spinal cord, and cerebellum.Gliomas are divided into subgroups depending on the origin of the glial cells. The most common type of glioma is an astrocytoma.

Infratentorial: Tumors located in the posterior fossa, cerebellum, or fourth ventricle.

Medulla Oblongata: The lowest section of the brainstem (at the top end of the spinal cord). It controls automatic functions including heartbeat, breathing, etc.

Medulloblastoma: A tumor consisting of neoplastic cells that resemble the undifferentiated cells of the primitive medullary tube; medulloblastomas are usually located in the vermis of the cerebellum, and may be implanted discretely or coalescently on the surfaces of the cerebellum, brainstem, and spinal cord. They comprise approximately 3% of all intracranial neoplasms, and occur most frequently in children. A type of primitive neuroectodermal tumor.

Mixed glioma: The presence of at least two of the following cells/differentiation in a single tumor: astrocytic; oligodendroglial; ependymal

Occipital Lobe of the Cerebrum - the region at the back of each cerebral hemisphere that contains the centers of vision and reading ability (located at the back of the head).

Oligodendroglioma: A relatively rare, relatively slowly growing glioma derived from oligodendrocytes that occurs most frequently in the cerebrum of adults

Parietal Lobe of the Cerebrum: The middle lobe of each cerebral hemisphere between the frontal and occipital lobes. It contains important sensory centers (located at the upper rear of the head).

Pituitary Gland: A gland attached to the base of the brain that secretes hormones. It is located between the Pons and the Corpus Callosum, above the Medulla Oblongata. Synonym: Hypophysis.

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PNET (Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumor): A group of malignant central nervous system tumors that includes medulloblastoma, pineoblastoma, ependymoblastoma, retinoblastoma, neuroblastoma, esthesioneuroblastoma, medulloepithelioma and ganglioneuroblastoma. Tumors are composed of primitive, undifferentiated embryonal cell lines and frequently classified according to anatomic location. Also known as central PNET or supratentorial PNET, depending on location of the tumor.

pPNET (peripheral Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumor): These tumors usually occur in the soft tissues of the chest, pelvis, and retroperitoneum and are rarely intracranial. There is known clinical and histological association between pPNET and both extraosseous Ewing sarcoma and peripheral neuroblastoma. Peripheral PNET is clinically and pathologically distinct from central PNET.

Satellite lesion or metastasis: Metastatic lesion within the immediate vicinity of the primary tumor. This is a metastasis, not a separate primary.

Spinal Cord - a thick bundle of nerve fibers that runs from the base of the brain to the hip area, running through the spine (vertebrae).

Supratentorial: Tumors located in the sellar or suprasellar region or in other areas of the cerebrum.

Temporal Lobe of the Cerebrum: The region at the lower side of each cerebral hemisphere; contains centers of hearing and memory (located at the sides of the head).

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Chart 1 –Neuroepithelial Malignant Brain and Central Nervous System Tumors

Note: This chart is based on the *WHO Classification of Tumors* of the brain and central nervous system. The chart is **not** a complete listing of histologies that may occur in the brain or central nervous system.

Chart Instructions: **Use this chart to code histology. The tree is arranged in descending order. Each branch is a histology group, starting at the top with the least specific terms and descending into more specific terms.**

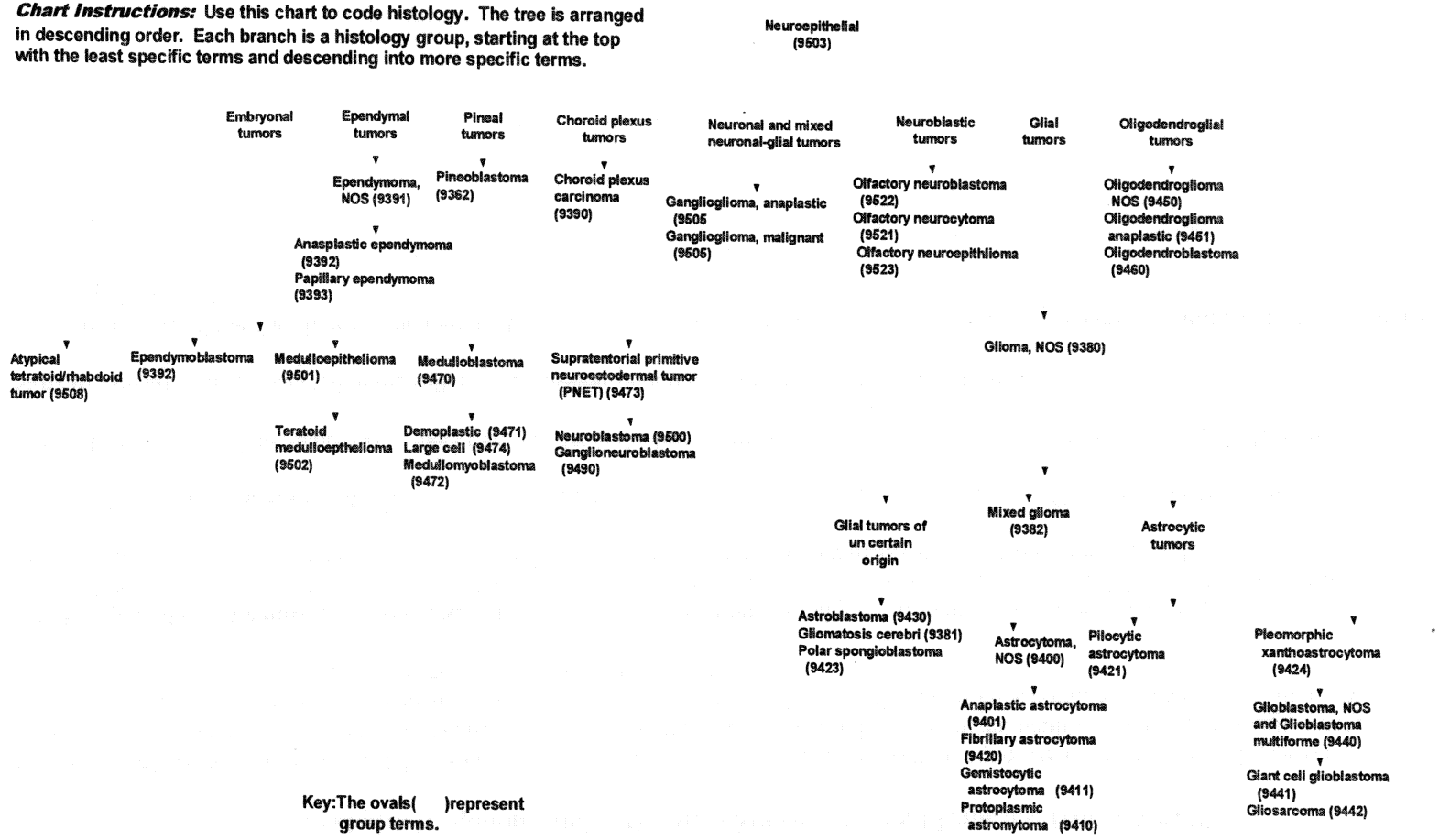
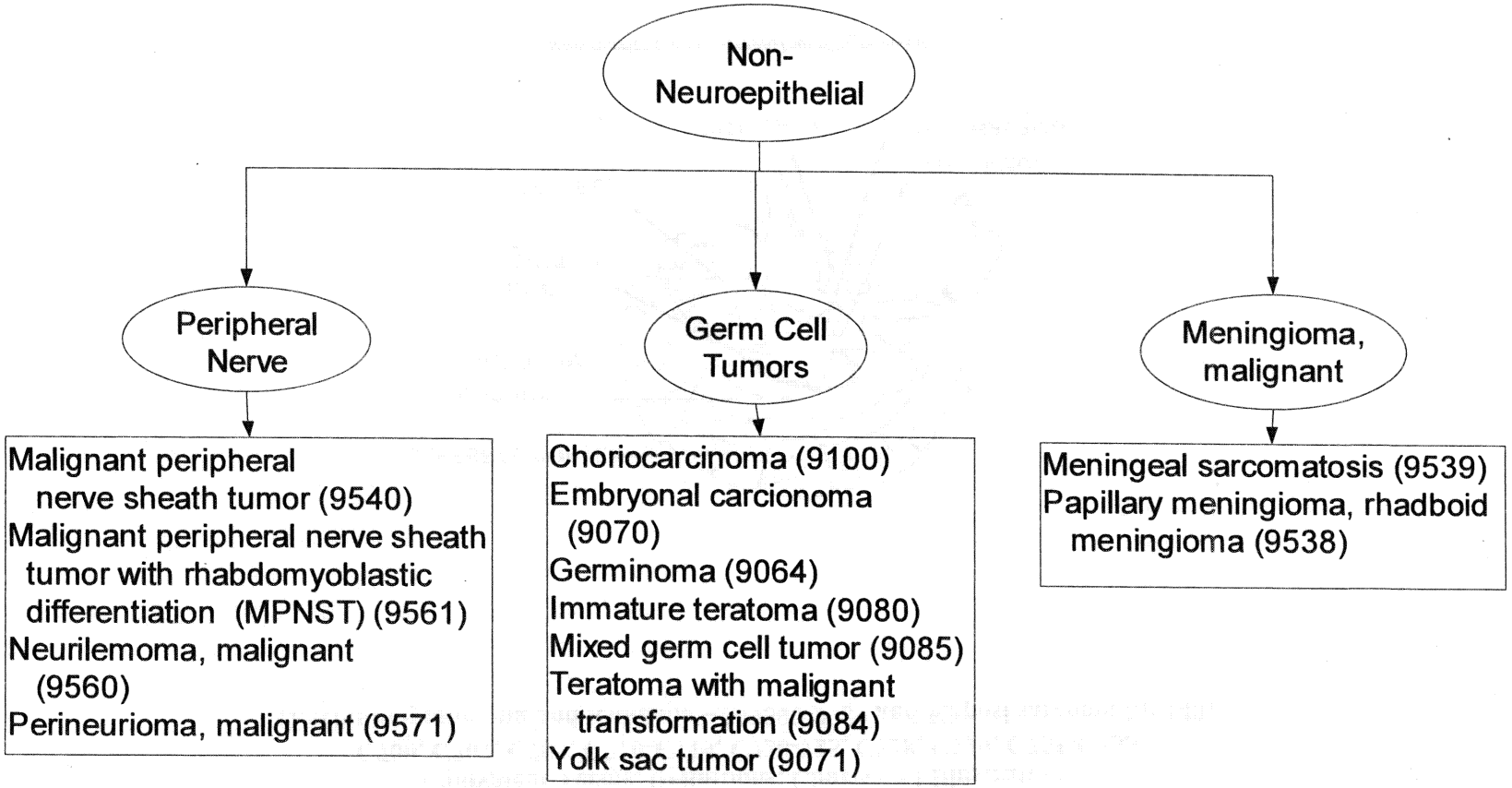


Chart 2 – Non-neuroepithelial Malignant Brain and Central Nervous System Tumors

Chart Instructions: Use this chart to code histology. The tree is arranged in descending order. Each branch is a histology group, starting at the top with the least specific terms and descending into more specific terms.

Note: Chart 2 is based on the *WHO Classification of Tumors* of the brain and central nervous system. This chart is **not** a complete listing of histologies that may occur in the brain or central nervous system.



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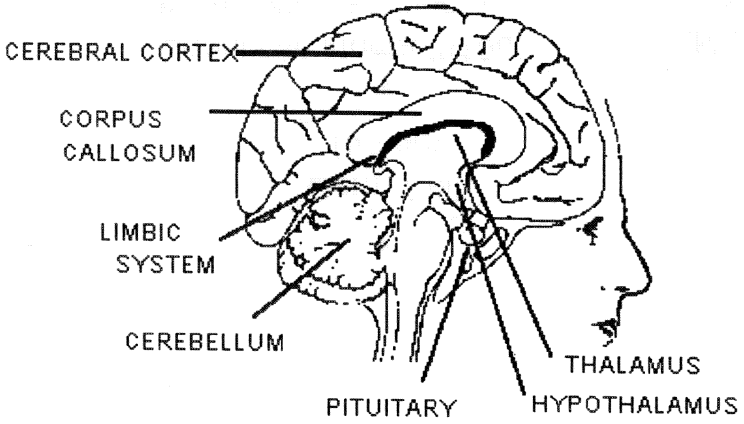

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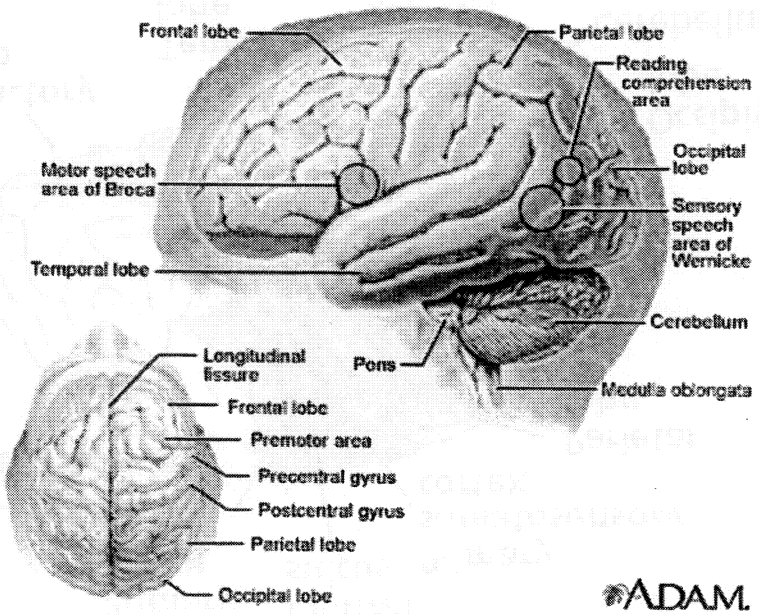

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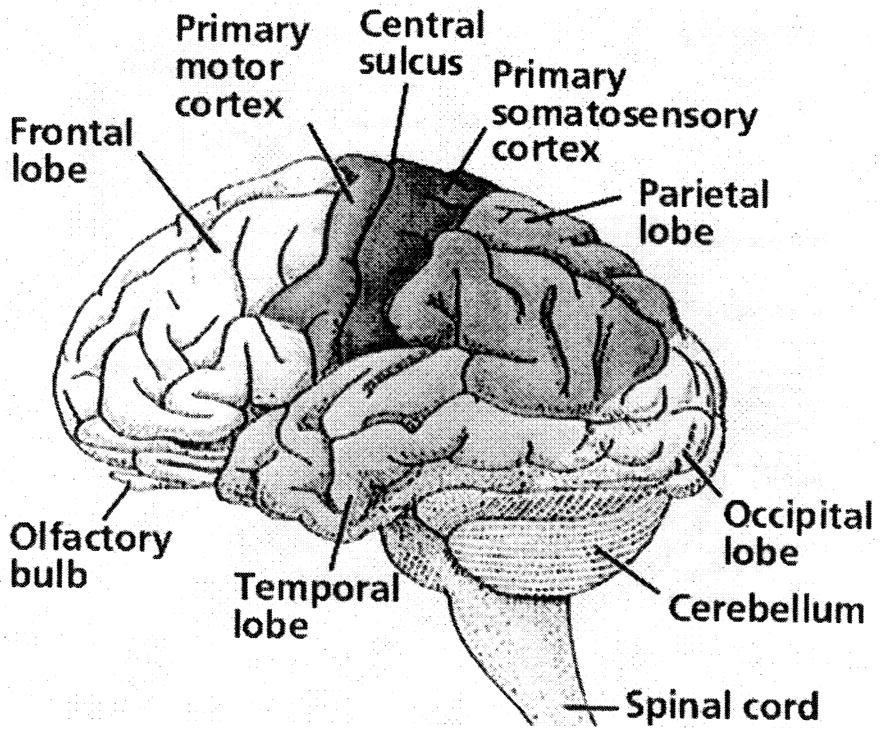

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Note: Benign and borderline intracranial and CNS tumors have a separate set of rules.

UNKNOWN IF SINGLE OR MULTIPLE TUMORS

Note: Tumor(s) not described as metastasis

Rule M1 An **invasive** brain tumor (/3) **and either** a **benign** brain tumor (/0) **or** an **uncertain/borderline** brain tumor (/1) are always multiple primaries. **

Rule M2 When it is not possible to determine if there is a **single** tumor **or multiple tumors**, opt for a single tumor and abstract as a single primary.*
Note: Use this rule only after all information sources have been exhausted

This is the end of instructions for Unknown if Single or Multiple Tumors.
*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**

SINGLE TUMOR

Note: Tumor not described as metastasis

Rule M3 A **single tumor** is always a single primary. *
Note: The tumor may overlap onto or extend into adjacent/contiguous site or subsite.

This is the end of instructions for Single Tumor.
*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**

MULTIPLE TUMORS

Multiple tumors may be a single primary or multiple primaries.
Note: Tumors not described as metastases

Rule M4 An **invasive** brain tumor (/3) **and either** a **benign** brain tumor (/0) **or** an **uncertain/borderline** brain tumor (/1) are always multiple primaries. **

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Rule M5 Tumors in sites with ICD-O-3 **topography** codes with **different** second (Cxxx) and/or third characters (Cxxx) are multiple primaries.**

Rule M6 A glioblastoma or glioblastoma multiforme (9440) following a glial tumor is a single primary* (See Chart 1)

Rule M7 Tumors with ICD-O-3 histology codes on the **same** branch in Chart 1 or Chart 2 are a single primary.*
Note: Recurrence, progression, or any reappearance of histologies on the same branch in Chart 1 or Chart 2 is always the same disease process.
Example: Patient has an astrocytoma. Ten years later the patient is diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme. This is a progression or recurrence of the earlier astrocytoma.

Rule M8 Tumors with ICD-O-3 histology codes on **different** branches in Chart 1 or Chart 2 are multiple primaries. **

Rule M9 Tumors with ICD-O-3 **histology** codes that are **different** at the first (xxxx), second (xxxx) or third (xxxx) number are multiple primaries. **

Rule M10 Tumors that **do not meet any** of the above **criteria** are a single primary. *
Note 1: Neither timing nor laterality is used to determine multiple primaries for malignant intracranial and CNS tumors.
Example: The patient is treated for an anaplastic astrocytoma (9401) in the right parietal lobe. Three months later the patient is diagnosed with a separate anaplastic astrocytoma in the left parietal lobe. This is one primary because laterality is not used to determine multiple primary status.
Note 2: Multicentric brain tumors which involve different lobes of the brain that do not meet any of the above criteria are the same disease process.

This is the end of instructions for Multiple Tumors.
*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**
**** Prepare two or more abstracts. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code to each case abstracted.**

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Note: Benign and borderline intracranial and CNS tumors have a separate set of rules.

SINGLE TUMOR

Rule H1 Code the histology documented by the physician when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen** or the **pathology/cytology report** is **not available**.

Note 1: Priority for using documents to code the histology
- Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings
- Physician's reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record
- CT or MRI scans

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

Note 3: Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS) or as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented.

Rule H2 Code the histology from a metastatic site when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site**.

Note: Code the behavior /3.

Rule H3 Code **9382/3** (mixed glioma) when **at least two** of the following cells and/or differentiation are present:
- Astrocytic
- Oligodendroglial
- Ependymal

Rule H4 Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified.

Rule H5 Code the specific type when the diagnosis includes a **non-specific** term **and** a **specific** term or type **on** the **same branch** in Chart 1 or Chart 2.

Rule H6 Code the histology with the **numerically higher** ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for Single Tumor.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

Malignant Meninges, Brain, Spinal Cord, Cranial Nerves, Pituitary gland, Craniopharyngeal duct and Pineal gland
Histology Coding Rules – Text
C700, C701, C709, C710-C719, C720-C725, C728, C729, C751-C753
(Excludes lymphoma and leukemia – M9590-9989 and Kaposi sarcoma M9140)

MULTIPLE TUMORS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY

Rule H7 Code the histology documented by the physician when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen** or the **pathology/cytology** report is **not available**.

Note 1: Priority for using documents to code the histology
- Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings
- Physician's reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record
- CT or MRI scans

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

Note 3: Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS) or as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented.

Rule H8 Code the histology from a metastatic site when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site**.

Note: Code the behavior /3.

Rule H9 Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified.

Rule H10 Code the specific type when the diagnosis includes a **non-specific** term **and** a **specific** term or type **on** the **same branch** in Chart 1 or Chart 2.

Rule H11 Code the histology with the **numerically higher** ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for Multiple Tumors Abstracted as a Single Primary.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

Other Sites Equivalent Terms, Definitions and Tables
Excludes Head and Neck, Colon, Lung, Melanoma of Skin, Breast, Kidney, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder, Brain, Lymphoma and Leukemia

INTRODUCTION

The Other Sites rules cover rectosigmoid, rectum and all sites not included in the site-specific rules.

EQUIVALENT TERMS

Acinar adenocarcinoma, adenocarcinoma (For prostate primaries only)
Adenocarcinoma, glandular carcinoma

DEFINITIONS

Acinar adenocarcinoma of the prostate: The prostate gland is sponge-like consisting primarily of acini or very tiny sacs that produce the fluids for ejaculation. Acinar adenocarcinoma is not a specific histologic type. The term acinar refers to the fact that the adenocarcinoma originates in the prostatic acini. 95% of all prostate cancers are (acinar) adenocarcinoma.

Adenoacanthoma: Adenocarcinoma with squamous metaplasia.

Parametrium: The connective tissue of the pelvic floor extending from the fibrous subserous coat of the supracervical portion of the uterus laterally between the layers of the broad ligament.

Uterine adnexa: The appendages of the uterus, namely the ovaries, fallopian tubes, and ligaments that hold the uterus in place.

Other Sites Equivalent Terms, Definitions and Tables
Excludes Head and Neck, Colon, Lung, Melanoma of Skin, Breast, Kidney, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder, Brain, Lymphoma and Leukemia

Table 1 – Paired Organs and Sites with Laterality

Note: This table only includes anatomic sites covered by the Other Sites Rules.

Site Code	Site or Subsite
C384	Pleura
C400	Long bones of upper limb, scapula, and associated joints
C401	Short bones of upper limb and associated joints
C402	Long bones of lower limb and associated joints
C403	Short bones of lower limb and associated joints
C413	Rib, clavicle (excluding sternum)
C414	Pelvic bones (excluding sacrum, coccyx, symphysis pubis)
C441	Skin of the eyelid
C442	Skin of the external ear
C443	Skin of other and unspecific parts of the face (if midline, assign code 9)
C445	Skin of the trunk (if midline, assign code 9)
C446	Skin of upper limb and shoulder
C447	Skin of the lower limb and hip
C471	Peripheral nerves and autonomic nervous system of upper limb and shoulder
C472	Peripheral nerves and autonomic nervous system of the lower limb and hip
C491	Connective, subcutaneous, and other soft tissues of upper limb and shoulder
C492	Connective, subcutaneous, and other soft tissues of the lower limb and hip
C569	Ovary
C570	Fallopian tube
C620-C629	Testis
C630	Epididymis
C631	Spermatic cord
C690-C699	Eye and adnexa
C740-C749	Adrenal gland
C754	Carotid body

Table 2 – Mixed and Combination Codes

This table is used to determine mixed and combination codes ONLY

Apply the multiple primary rules FIRST. Combination codes are most often used when multiple histologies are present in a single tumor; they are rarely used for multiple tumors. Use a combination code for multiple tumors ONLY when the tumors meet the rules for a single primary.

Use this **two-page** table to select combination histology codes. Compare the terms in the diagnosis to the terms in Columns 1 and 2. If the terms match, code the case using the ICD-O-3 histology code in column 4. Use the combination codes listed in this table only when the histologies in the tumor match the histologies listed below.

Column 1: Required Histology	**Column 2: Combined with Histology**	**Column 3: Combination Term**	**Column 4: Code**
Small cell carcinoma	Large cell carcinoma	Combined small cell carcinoma	8045
	Adenocarcinoma		
	Squamous cell carcinoma		
Squamous carcinoma	Basal cell carcinoma	Basosquamous carcinoma	8094
Islet cell	Exocrine	Mixed islet cell and exocrine adenocarcinoma (pancreas)	8154
Acinar	Endocrine		
Hepatocellular carcinoma	Cholangiocarcinoma	Combined hepatocellular carcinoma and cholangiocarcinoma	8180
Adenocarcinoma	Carcinoid	Composite carcinoid	8244
Adenocarcinoma	Papillary	Adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes Adenocarcinoma combined with other types of carcinoma	8255
	Clear cell		
	Mucinous (colloid)		
	Signet ring		
	Acinar		
Table 2 continues on the next page			

Other Sites Equivalent Terms, Definitions and Tables
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Column 1: Required Histology	Column 2: Combined with Histology	Column 3: Combination Term	Column 4: Code
Table 2 continued			
Gyn malignancies with two or more of the histologies in column 2	Clear cell Endometroid Mucinous Papillary Serous Squamous Transitional (Brenner)	Mixed cell adenocarcinoma	8323
Papillary and Follicular		Papillary carcinoma, follicular variant	8340
Medullary	Follicular	Mixed medullary-follicular carcinoma	8346
Medullary	Papillary	Mixed medullary-papillary carcinoma	8347
Squamous carcinoma and Adenocarcinoma		Adenosquamous carcinoma	8560
Any combination of histologies in Column 2	Myxoid Round cell Pleomorphic	Mixed liposarcoma	8855
Embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma	Alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma	Mixed type rhabdomyosarcoma	8902
Teratoma	Embryonal carcinoma	Teratocarcinoma	9081
Teratoma and one or more of the histologies in Column 2	Seminoma Yolk sac tumor	Mixed germ cell tumor	9085
Choriocarcinoma	Teratoma Seminoma Embryonal	Choriocarcinoma combined with other germ cell elements	9101

Table 3 – Changes to Previous SEER Site Grouping Table

Previous to 2007, tumors in sites on the same row were abstracted as a single primary.

Code	Site Groupings
C23	Gallbladder
C24	Other and unspecified parts of the biliary tract
C37	Thymus
C380	Heart
C381-3	Mediastinum
C388	Overlapping lesion of heart, mediastinum, and pleura
C51	Vulva
C52	Vagina
C577	Other specified female genital organs
C578-9	Unspecified female genital organs
C569	Ovary
C570	Fallopian tube
C571	Broad ligament
C572	Round ligament
C573	Parametrium
C574	Uterine adnexa
C60	Penis
C63	Other and unspecified male genital organs
C74	Adrenal gland
C75	Other endocrine glands and related structures

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Other Sites Multiple Primary Rules – Text
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UNKNOWN IF SINGLE OR MULTIPLE TUMORS

Note: Tumor(s) not described as metastasis

Rule M1 When it is not possible to determine if there is a **single** tumor **or multiple** tumors, opt for a single tumor and abstract as a single primary. *
Note: Use this rule only after all information sources have been exhausted.

*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**
This is the end of instructions for Unknown if Single or Multiple Tumors.

SINGLE TUMOR

Note 1: Tumor not described as metastasis
Note 2: Includes combinations of in situ and invasive

Rule M2 A **single tumor** is always a single primary. *
Note: The tumor may overlap onto or extend into adjacent/contiguous site or subsite.

*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**
This is the end of instructions for Single Tumor.

MULTIPLE TUMORS

Multiple tumors may be a single primary or multiple primaries.
Note 1: Tumors not described as metastases
Note 2: Includes combinations of in situ and invasive

Rule M3 **Adenocarcinoma** of the **prostate** is always a single primary. *
Note 1: Report only one adenocarcinoma of the prostate per patient per lifetime.
Note 2: 95% of prostate malignancies are the common (acinar) adenocarcinoma histology (8140). See Equivalent Terms, Definitions and Tables for more information.

Other Sites Multiple Primary Rules – Text

Excludes Head and Neck, Colon, Lung, Melanoma of Skin, Breast, Kidney, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder, Brain, Lymphoma and Leukemi

Rule M4 **Retinoblastoma** is always a single primary (**unilateral or bilateral**). *

Rule M5 **Kaposi sarcoma** (any site or sites) is always a single primary. *

Rule M6 **Follicular and papillary** tumors in the **thyroid** within 60 days of diagnosis are a single primary. *

Rule M7 **Bilateral epithelial** tumors (8000-8799) of the **ovary** within 60 days are a single primary. *

Rule M8 Tumors on **both sides** (right and left) of a site listed in Table 1 are multiple primaries. **
Note: Table 1 – Paired Organs and Sites with Laterality)

Rule M9 Adenocarcinoma in adenomatous polyposis coli (**familial polyposis**) with one or more in situ or malignant polyps is a single primary.*
Note: Tumors may be present in a single or multiple segments of the **colon, rectosigmoid, rectum**.

Rule M10 Tumors diagnosed **more than one (1) year** apart are multiple primaries. **

Rule M11 Tumors with ICD-O-3 **topography** codes that are **different** at the second (C**x**xx) and/or third characters (Cx**x**x) are multiple primaries. **
Example 1: A tumor in the penis C**6**09 and a tumor in the rectum C**2**09 have different second characters in their ICD-O-3 topography codes, so they are multiple primaries.
Example 2: A tumor in the cervix C5**3**9 and a tumor in the vulva C5**1**9 have different third characters in their ICD-O-3 topography codes, so they are multiple primaries.

Rule M12 Tumors with ICD-O-3 **topography** codes that **differ** only at the **fourth character** (Cxx**x**) and are **in** any one of the following primary sites are multiple primaries. **

- **Anus and anal canal** (C21_)
- **Bones, joints, and articular cartilage** (C40_- C41_)
- **Peripheral nerves and autonomic nervous system** (C47_)
- **Connective subcutaneous and other soft tissues** (C49_)
- **Skin** (C44_)

Other Sites Multiple Primary Rules – Text

Excludes Head and Neck, Colon, Lung, Melanoma of Skin, Breast, Kidney, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder, Brain, Lymphoma and Leukemia

Rule M13 A **frank** in situ or malignant **adenocarcinoma and** an in situ or **malignant** tumor in a **polyp** are a single primary. *

Rule M14 **Multiple** in situ and/or **malignant polyps** are a single primary. *
Note: Includes all combinations of adenomatous, tubular, villous, and tubulovillous adenomas or polyps.

Rule M15 An **invasive** tumor **following** an **in situ** tumor more than 60 days after diagnosis is a multiple primary. **
Note 1: The purpose of this rule is to ensure that the case is counted as an incident (invasive) case when incidence data are analyzed.
Note 2: Abstract as multiple primaries even if the medical record/physician states it is recurrence or progression of disease.

Rule M16 Abstract as a single primary* when one tumor is:

- **Cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS** (8000) **and** another is a **specific histology** or
- **Carcinoma, NOS** (8010) **and** another is a **specific carcinoma** or
- **Squamous cell carcinoma, NOS** (8070) and another is **specific squamous cell carcinoma** or
- **Adenocarcinoma, NOS** (8140) **and** another is a **specific adenocarcinoma** or
- **Melanoma, NOS** (8720) and another is a **specific melanoma**
- **Sarcoma, NOS** (8800) and another is a **specific sarcoma**

Rule M17 Tumors with ICD-O-3 **histology** codes that are **different** at the first (xxxx), second (xxxx) or third (xxxx) number are multiple primaries. **

Rule M18 Tumors that **do not meet any** of the above **criteria** are a single primary. *
Note: When an invasive tumor follows an in situ tumor within 60 days, abstract as a single primary.

*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**
**** Prepare two or more abstracts. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code to each case abstracted.**
This is the end of instructions for Multiple Tumors.

Other Sites Histology Coding Rules – Text

Excludes Head and Neck, Colon, Lung, Melanoma of Skin, Breast, Kidney, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder, Brain, Lymphoma and Leukemia

SINGLE TUMOR: IN SITU ONLY

(Single Tumor; all parts are in situ)

Rule H1 Code the histology documented by the physician when the **pathology/cytology** report is **not available**.

Note 1: Priority for using documents to code the histology

- Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings
- Physician's reference to type of cancer in the medical record

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

Note 3: Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS) or 8010 (carcinoma, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented.

Rule H2 Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified.

Note: Do not code terms that do not appear in the histology description.

Example: Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words "non-keratinizing" actually appear in the diagnosis.

Rule H3 Code **8210** (adenocarcinoma in **adenomatous polyp**), **8261** (adenocarcinoma in **villous adenoma**), or **8263** (adenocarcinoma in **tubulovillous adenoma**) when:

- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma **and** a residual polyp or polyp architecture is recorded in other parts of the pathology report or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma **and** there is reference to a residual or pre-existing polyp or
- The final diagnosis is mucinous/colloid or signet ring cell adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- There is documentation that the patient had a polypectomy

Note: It is important to know that the adenocarcinoma originated in a polyp.

Rule H4 **Code the** most **specific** histologic **term** when the diagnosis is:

- Carcinoma in situ, NOS (8010) and a specific in situ carcinoma or
- Squamous cell carcinoma in situ, NOS (8070) and a specific in situ squamous cell carcinoma or
- Adenocarcinoma in situ, NOS (8140) and a specific in situ adenocarcinoma or
- Melanoma in situ, NOS (8720) and a specific in situ melanoma

Note: The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, with ___ differentiation, architecture or pattern. The terms architecture and pattern are subtypes only for in situ cancer.

Rule H5 Code the appropriate combination/mixed code (Table 2) when there are **multiple specific histologies** or when there is a non-specific histology **with multiple specific histologies**

Note: The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, with ___ differentiation, architecture or pattern. The terms architecture and pattern are subtypes only for in situ cancer.

Rule H6 Code the histology with the **numerically higher** ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for a Single Tumor: In Situ Carcinoma Only.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

SINGLE TUMOR: INVASIVE AND IN SITU

(Single Tumor; in situ and invasive components)

Rule H7 Code the single invasive histology. **Ignore the in situ** terms.

Note: This is a change from the previous histology coding rules and is different from ICD-O-3 rules. This change was made in collaboration with the ICD-O-3 editors. The consensus was that coding the invasive component of the tumor better explains the likely disease course and survival category.

This is the end of instructions for a Single Tumor: Invasive and In Situ Carcinoma.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

Other Sites Histology Coding Rules – Text

Excludes Head and Neck, Colon, Lung, Melanoma of Skin, Breast, Kidney, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder, Brain, Lymphoma and Leukemia

SINGLE TUMOR: INVASIVE ONLY

(Single Tumor; all parts are invasive)

Rule H8 Code the histology documented by the physician when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen** or the **pathology/cytology** report is **not available**.

Note 1: Priority for using documents to code the histology

- Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings
- Physician's reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record
- CT, PET, or MRI scans

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

Note 3: Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS) or 8010 (carcinoma, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented.

Rule H9 Code the histology from a metastatic site when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site**.

Note: Code the behavior /3.

Rule H10 Code 8140 (adenocarcinoma, NOS) for prostate primaries when the diagnosis is acinar (adeno)carcinoma.

Rule H11 Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified

Note: Do not code terms that do not appear in the histology description.

Example: Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words "non-keratinizing" actually appear in the diagnosis.

Rule H12 Code **8210** (adenocarcinoma in **adenomatous polyp**), **8261** (adenocarcinoma in **villous adenoma**), or **8263** (adenocarcinoma in **tubulovillous adenoma**) when:

- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma and a residual polyp or polyp architecture is recorded in other parts of the pathology report or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma and there is reference to a residual or pre-existing polyp or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma mucinous/colloid or signet ring cell adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- There is documentation that the patient had a polypectomy

Note: It is important to know that the adenocarcinoma originated in a polyp.

Other Sites Histology Coding Rules – Text
Excludes Head and Neck, Colon, Lung, Melanoma of Skin, Breast, Kidney, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder, Brain, Lymphoma and Leukemia

Rule H13 **Code the** most **specific** histologic **term.** Examples include:

- Cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS (8000) **and** a more specific histology or
- Carcinoma, NOS (8010) **and** a more specific carcinoma or
- Squamous cell carcinoma, NOS (8070) **and** a more specific squamous cell carcinoma or
- Adenocarcinoma, NOS (8140) **and** a more specific adenocarcinoma or
- Melanoma, NOS (8720) **and** a more specific melanoma or
- Sarcoma, NOS (8800) **and** a more specific sarcoma

Note: The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ___ differentiation. The terms architecture and pattern are subtypes only for in situ cancer.
Example 1: Adenocarcinoma, predominantly mucinous. Code mucinous adenocarcinoma 8480.
Example 2: Non-small cell carcinoma, papillary squamous cell. Code papillary squamous cell carcinoma 8052.

Rule H14 Code papillary carcinoma of the thyroid to papillary adenocarcinoma, NOS (8260).

Rule H15 Code follicular and papillary carcinoma of the thyroid to papillary carcinoma, follicular variant (8340).

Rule H16 Code the appropriate combination/mixed code (Table 2) when there are **multiple specific histologies** or when there is a non-specific histology **with multiple specific histologies**
Note: The specific histologies may be identified as a type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____ differentiation.
Example 1 (multiple specific histologies): Mucinous and papillary adenocarcinoma. Code 8255 (adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes)
Example 2 (multiple specific histologies): Combined small cell and squamous cell carcinoma. Code 8045 (combined small cell carcinoma)
Example 3 (non-specific with multiple specific histologies): Adenocarcinoma with papillary and clear cell features. Code 8255 (adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes)

Rule H17 Code the histology with the **numerically higher** ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for a Single Tumor: Invasive Carcinoma Only.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

Other Sites Histology Coding Rules – Text

Excludes Head and Neck, Colon, Lung, Melanoma of Skin, Breast, Kidney, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder, Brain, Lymphoma and Leukemia

MULTIPLE TUMORS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY

Rule H18 Code the histology documented by the physician when there is **no** pathology/cytology specimen or the **pathology/cytology** report is **not available**.

Note 1: Priority for using documents to code the histology

- From reports or notes in the medical record that document or reference pathologic or cytologic findings
- From clinician reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record
- CT, PET or MRI scans

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

Note 3: Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS) or 8010 (carcinoma, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented.

Rule H19 Code the histology from a metastatic site when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site**.

Note: Code the behavior /3.

Rule H20 Code 8140 (adenocarcinoma, NOS) for prostate primaries when the diagnosis is acinar (adeno)carcinoma.

Rule H21 Code 8077/2 (Squamous intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III) for in situ squamous intraepithelial **neoplasia grade III** in sites such as the **vulva** (VIN III) **vagina** (VAIN III), or **anus** (AIN III).

Note 1: VIN, VAIN, and AIN are squamous cell carcinomas. Code 8077 cannot be used for glandular intraepithelial neoplasia such as prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN) or pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PAIN).

Note 2: This code may be used for reportable-by-agreement cases

Rule H22 Code 8148/2 (Glandular intraepithelial neoplasia grade III) for in situ glandular **intraepithelial neoplasia grade III** in sites such as the **pancreas** (PAIN III).

Note: This code may be used for reportable-by-agreement cases such as intraepithelial neoplasia of the **prostate** (PIN III)

Rule H23 Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified

Note: Do not code terms that do not appear in the histology description.

Example: Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words "non-keratinizing" actually appear in the diagnosis.

Other Sites Histology Coding Rules – Text
Excludes Head and Neck, Colon, Lung, Melanoma of Skin, Breast, Kidney, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder, Brain, Lymphoma and Leukemia

Rule H24 Code the histology of the underlying tumor when there is **extramammary Paget disease** and an underlying tumor of the **anus**, **perianal** region, or **vulva**.

Rule H25 Code **8210** (adenocarcinoma in **adenomatous polyp**), **8261** (adenocarcinoma in **villous adenoma**), or **8263** (adenocarcinoma in **tubulovillous adenoma**) when:

- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma **and** a residual polyp or polyp architecture is recorded in other parts of the pathology report or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma **and** there is reference to a residual or pre-existing polyp or
- The final diagnosis is mucinous/colloid or signet ring cell adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- There is documentation that the patient had a polypectomy

Note: It is important to know that the adenocarcinoma originated in a polyp.

Rule H26 Code papillary carcinoma of the thyroid to papillary adenocarcinoma, NOS (8260).

Rule H27 Code **follicular** and **papillary** carcinoma of the **thyroid** to papillary carcinoma, follicular variant (8340).

Rule H28 Code the single invasive histology for **combinations** of **invasive** and **in situ.** Ignore the in situ terms.
Note: This is a change from the previous histology coding rules and is different from ICD-O-3 rules. This change was made in collaboration with the ICD-O-3 editors. The consensus was that coding the invasive component of the tumor better explains the likely disease course and survival category.

Rule H29 **Code the** most **specific** histologic **term.** Examples include:

- Cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS (8000) **and** a more specific histology or
- Carcinoma, NOS (8010) **and** a more specific carcinoma or
- Squamous cell carcinoma, NOS (8070) **and** a more specific squamous cell carcinoma or
- Adenocarcinoma, NOS (8140) **and** a more specific adenocarcinoma or
- Melanoma, NOS (8720) **and** a more specific melanoma or
- Sarcoma, NOS (8800) **and** a more specific sarcoma

Note: The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ___ differentiation. The terms architecture and pattern are subtypes only for in situ cancer.
Example 1: Adenocarcinoma, predominantly mucinous. Code mucinous adenocarcinoma 8480.
Example 2: Non-small cell carcinoma, papillary squamous cell. Code papillary squamous cell carcinoma 8052.

Other Sites Histology Coding Rules – Text

Excludes Head and Neck, Colon, Lung, Melanoma of Skin, Breast, Kidney, Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder, Brain, Lymphoma and Leukemia

Rule H30 Code the appropriate combination/mixed code (Table 2) when there are **multiple specific histologies** or when there is a non-specific histology **with multiple specific histologies**

Note: The specific histologies may be identified as a type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____ differentiation.

Example 1 (multiple specific histologies): Gyn malignancy with mucinous, serous and papillary adenocarcinoma. Code 8323 (mixed cell adenocarcinoma)

Example 2 (multiple specific histologies): Combined small cell and squamous cell carcinoma. Code 8045 (combined small cell carcinoma)

Example 3 (non-specific with multiple specific histologies): Adenocarcinoma with papillary and clear cell features. Code 8255 (adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes)

Rule H31 Code the histology with the **numerically higher** ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for Multiple Tumors Abstracted as a Single Primary.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

IX.
New Data Items

New Data Item
Effective with cases diagnosed 1/1/2007

Ambiguous Terminology

Item Length: 1
NAACCR Item #: 442
NAACCR Name: Ambiguous Terminology

This data item identifies all cases, including DCO and autopsy only, which are accessioned based only on ambiguous terminology. Registrars are required to collect cases with ambiguous terminology and it is advantageous to be able to identify those cases in the database.

Code	Label	Definition	Time Frame	Examples
0	Conclusive term	There was a conclusive diagnosis within 60 days of the original diagnosis. Case was accessioned based on conclusive terminology. Includes all diagnostic methods such as clinical diagnosis, cytology, pathology, etc.	Within 60 days of the date of initial diagnosis.	1. Adenocarcinoma in TURP chips. 2. Mammogram suspicious for DCIS. Excisional biopsy 1 week later positive for DCIS.
1	Ambiguous term only	The case was accessioned based only on ambiguous terminology. There was no conclusive terminology during the first 60 days following the initial diagnosis. Includes all diagnostic methods except cytology. *Note:* Cytology is excluded because registrars are not required to collect cases with ambiguous terms describing a cytology diagnosis.	N/A	1. Chest MRI shows a malignant appearing lesion in the right upper lobe. Patient refused further workup or treatment. 2. Pt with elevated PSA admitted for TRUS. Biopsy. Pathology: Prostatic chips: Consistent with adenocarcinoma. No further information is available
2	Ambiguous term followed by conclusive term	The case was originally assigned a code 1 (was accessioned based only on ambiguous terminology). More than 60 days after the initial diagnosis the information is being updated to show that a conclusive diagnosis was made by any diagnostic method including clinical diagnosis, cytology, pathology, autopsy, etc.	60 days or more after the date of diagnosis	The biopsy of the thyroid reads: most likely thyroid cancer. Three months later a biopsy is positive for papillary follicular cancer. The case would have been coded 1 Ambiguous term only. Change the code to 2 Ambiguous term followed by conclusive term.
9	Unknown term	There is no information about ambiguous terminology..	N/A	.

Definitions

Phrase	Definition	Examples
Ambiguous terminology	Terms that have been mandated as reportable when used in a diagnosis. See the reportable list below for a complete listing of those terms. See the 2007 SEER Coding and Staging Manual or the FORDS for detailed instructions on how to use the list.	**Clinical:** a physician's statement that the patient most likely has lung cancer. **Laboratory tests:** A CBC suspicious for leukemia. **Pathology:** A prostate biopsy compatible with adenocarcinoma
Conclusive terminology	A clear and definite statement of cancer. The statement may be from a physician (clinical diagnosis); or may be from a laboratory test, autopsy, cytologic findings, and/or pathology	**Clinical:** a physician's statement that the patient has lung cancer. **Laboratory tests:** A CBC diagnostic of acute leukemia. **Cytologic findings:** A FNA (fine needle aspiration) with findings of infiltrating duct carcinoma of the breast. **Pathology:** A colon biopsy showing adenocarcinoma

New Data Item
Effective with cases diagnosed 1/1/2007

Ambiguous terms that are reportable
Apparent(ly)
Appears (effective with cases diagnosed 1/1/1998 and later)
Comparable with (effective with cases diagnosed 1/1/1998 and later)
Compatible with (effective with cases diagnosed 1/1/1998 and later)
Consistent with
Favor(s)
Malignant appearing (effective with cases diagnosed 1/1/1998 and later)
Most likely
Presumed
Probable
Suspect(ed)
Suspicious (for)
Typical (of)

Coding Instructions

1. Use **Code 0** when a case is accessioned based on conclusive terminology. The diagnosis includes clear and definite terminology describing the malignancy within 60 days of the original diagnosis.
   Note: Usually the patient undergoes a diagnostic work-up because there is a suspicion of cancer (ambiguous terminology). For example, a mammogram may show calcifications suspicious for intraductal carcinoma; the date of the mammogram is the date of initial diagnosis. When there is a clear and definite diagnosis within 60 days of that mammogram (date of initial diagnosis) such as the pathology from an excisional biopsy showing intraductal carcinoma, assign a code 0.
2. Use **Code 1** when a case is accessioned based on ambiguous terminology and there is no clear and definite terminology used to describe the malignancy within 60 days of the date of initial diagnosis.
   The diagnosis may be from a pathology report, a radiology report, an imaging report, or on the medical record.

3. Use **Code 2** when a case is accessioned based on ambiguous terminology followed by clear and definite terminology more than 60 days after the initial diagnosis.

4. Follow-back to a physician or subsequent readmission (following the initial 60 days period) may eventually confirm cancer (conclusive cancer term more than 60 days after ambiguous term). Assign **Code 2**.
5. Leave this data item blank for cases diagnosed prior to 01/01/2007.

Cases accessioned based on ambiguous terminology **(Code 1)** should be excluded from case selection in research studies. Direct patient contact is not recommended.

Date of Conclusive Terminology

Item Length: 8
NAACCR Item #: 443
NAACCR Name: Date of Conclusive Term

For those cases originally accessioned based on ambiguous terminology only, this data item documents the date of a definite statement of malignancy. The abstractor will change the code for the data item "Ambiguous Terminology" from a 1 to a 2 and enter the date that the malignancy was described clearly and definitely in Date of Conclusive Terminology.

Date

Date fields are recorded in the month, day, century, year format (MMDDCCYY) with 99 for unknown month or day and 9999 for unknown year.

Special Codes

00000000	Accessioned based on ambiguous terminology only (Code 1 in data item "Ambiguous Terminology")
88888888	Not applicable. The case was accessioned based on conclusive diagnosis (Code 0 in data item "Ambiguous Terminology")
99999999	Unknown date; unknown if diagnosis was based on ambiguous terminology or conclusive terminology (Code 9 in data item "Ambiguous Terminology"

Leave this field blank for cases diagnosed prior to 01/01/2007.

New Data Item
Effective with cases diagnosed 1/1/2007

Multiplicity Counter

Item Length: 2
NAACCR Item #: 446
NAACCR Name: Multiplicity Counter

This data item is used to count the number of tumors (multiplicity) reported as a single primary. Do not count metastatic tumors. Use the multiple primary rules for the specific site to determine whether the tumors are a single primary or multiple primaries.

Example 1: The patient has a 2 cm infiltrating duct carcinoma in the LIQ and a 1 cm infiltrating duct carcinoma in the UIQ of the left breast. Accession as a single primary and enter the number 02 in the data item Multiplicity Counter

Example 2: Operative report for TURB mentions multiple bladder tumors. Pathology report: Papillary transitional cell carcinoma present in tissue from bladder neck, dome, and posterior wall. Record 99 (multiple tumors, unknown how many) in Multiplicity Counter.

Example 3: Pathology from colon resection shows a 3 cm adenocarcinoma in the ascending colon. Biopsy of liver shows a solitary metastatic lesion compatible with the colon primary. Record 01 in Multiplicity Counter (do not count the metastatic lesion).

Example 4: Patient has an excisional biopsy of the soft palate. The pathology shows clear margins. Record 01 in the Multiplicity Counter. Within six months another lesion is excised from the soft palate. Use the head and neck multiple primary rules to determine this tumor is not accessioned as a second primary. Change the Multiplicity Counter to code 02 to reflect the fact that there were two separate tumors abstracted as a single primary.

Example 5: CT of chest shows two lesions in the left lung and a single lesion in the right lung. Biopsy of the right lung lesions shows adenocarcinoma. No other workup is done. Using the multiple primary rules for lung, the case is abstracted as a single primary. Enter the number 03 in the data item Multiplicity Counter.

Codes

01 One tumor only
02 Two tumors present
03 Three tumors present
..
..
88 Information on multiple tumors not collected/not applicable for this site
99 Multiple tumors present, unknown how many

Coding Instructions

1. Code the number of tumors being abstracted as a single primary.
2. Do not count metastasis.
3. When there is a tumor or tumors with separate single or multiple foci, ignore/do not count the foci
4. Use code 01 when
   a. There is a single tumor in the primary site being abstracted
   b. There is a single tumor with separate foci of tumor
   c. It is unknown if there is a single tumor or multiple tumors and the multiple primary rules instructed you to default to a single tumor
5. Use code 88 for:
   a. Leukemia
   b. Lymphoma
   c. I,mmunoproliferative disease
   d. Unknown primary
6. Use code 99 when
   a. The original pathology report is not available and the documentation does not specify whether there was a single or multiple tumors in the primary site.
   b. The tumor is described as multifocal or multicentric and the number of tumors is not mentioned.
   c. The tumor is described as diffuse.
   d. The operative or pathology report describes multiple tumors but does not give an exact number.
7. Leave this field blank for cases diagnosed prior to 01/01/2007.

New Data Item
Effective with cases diagnosed 1/1/2007

Date of Multiple Tumors

Item Length: 8
NAACCR Item #: 445
NAACCR Name: Date of Multiple Tumors

This data item is used to identify the month, day and year the patient is diagnosed with multiple tumors reported as a single primary. Use the multiple primary rules for that specific site to determine whether the tumors are a single primary or multiple primaries.

Date
Date fields are recorded in the month, day, century, year format (MMDDCCYY) with 99 for unknown month or day and 9999 for unknown year.

Special Codes

00000000	Single tumor
88888888	Information on multiple tumors not collected/not applicable for this site
99999999	Unknown date

Coding Instructions

When multiple tumors are present at diagnosis, record the date of diagnosis.

Example 1: The patient has multiple tumors; a 2 cm infiltrating duct in the LIQ and a 1 cm infiltrating duct carcinoma in the UIQ of the left breast. According to the breast multiple primary rules these tumors are accessioned as a single primary. Enter the date of diagnosis in Date of Multiple Tumors.
Example 2: Operative report for TURB mentions multiple bladder tumors. Pathology report: Papillary transitional cell carcinoma present in tissue from bladder neck, dome, and posterior wall. According to the Bladder, Renal Pelvis, and Ureter multiple primary rules these tumors are accessioned as a single primary. Enter the date of diagnosis in Date if Multiple Tumors.

When subsequent tumor(s) are counted as the same primary.

Example: Patient has an excisional biopsy of a single tumor in the soft palate on January 2, 2007. The pathology shows clear margins. Record 01 in Multiplicity Counter. On July 10, 2007 another tumor is excised from the soft palate. The multiple primary rules for head and neck state that this tumor is the same primary. Change the 01 in Multiplicity Counter to 02 and enter 07102007, the date the second tumor was diagnosed. in Date of Multiple Tumors.

Leave this field blank for cases diagnosed prior to 01/01/2007.

Type of Multiple Tumors Reported as One Primary

Item Length: 2
NAACCR Item #: 444
NAACCR Name: Mult Tum Rpt as One Prim

This data item is used to identify the type of multiple tumors that are abstracted as a single primary. Ignore metastatic tumors for this data item.

Code	Code Text	Description	Example(s)
00	Single tumor	All **single tumors.** Includes single tumors with both in situ and invasive components	Code 01 in the Multiplicity Counter
10	Multiple benign	At least two benign tumors in same organ/primary site Use this code for reportable tumors in **intracranial** and **CNS** sites only May be used for reportable by agreement cases	
11	Multiple borderline	At least two borderline tumors in the same organ/primary site Use this code for reportable tumors in **intracranial** and **CNS** sites only May be used for reportable by agreement cases	
12	Benign and borderline	At least one benign **AND** at least one borderline tumors in the same organ/ primary site Use this code for reportable tumors in **intracranial** and **CNS** sites only May be used for reportable by agreement cases	
20	Multiple in situ	At least two in situ tumors in the same organ/primary site	Cystoscopy report documents multiple bladder tumors. Pathology: Flat transitional cell carcinoma of bladder.
30	In situ and invasive	One or more in situ tumor(s) **AND** one or more invasive tumors in the same organ/primary site	

New Data Item
Effective with cases diagnosed 1/1/2007

Code	Code Text	Description	Example(s)
31	Polyp and adenocarcinoma)	One or more polyps with either • In situ carcinoma or • invasive carcinoma **AND** one or more frank adenocarcinoma(s) in the same segment of colon, rectosigmoid, and/or rectum	
32	FAP with carcinoma	Diagnosis of familial polyposis (FAP) **AND** carcinoma (in situ or invasive) is present in at least one of the polyps	
40	Multiple invasive	At least two invasive tumors in the same organ	
80	Unk in situ or invasive	Multiple tumors present in the same organ/primary site, unknown if in situ or invasive	
88	NA	Information on multiple tumors not collected/not applicable for this site	Leukemia, lymphoma, immunoproliferative diseases, and unknown primaries. All codes 88 in Multiplicity Counter
99	Unk	Unknown	Code 99 in Multiplicity counter, and DCO cases.

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