Kidney Histology Coding Rules - Flowchart

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SINGLE TUMOR

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H1 Is there no pathology/cytology specimen or is the pathology/cytology report unavailable? YES	Code the histology documented by the physician.	1. Priority for using documents to code the histology o Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings o Physician's reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record o CT or MRI scans 2. Code the specific histology when documented. 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.
NO		
H2 Is the specimen from a metastatic site? (there is no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site) YES	Code the histology from a metastatic site.	Code the behavior /3.
NO		
H3 Is only one histologic type identified? YES	Code the histology.	
NO		
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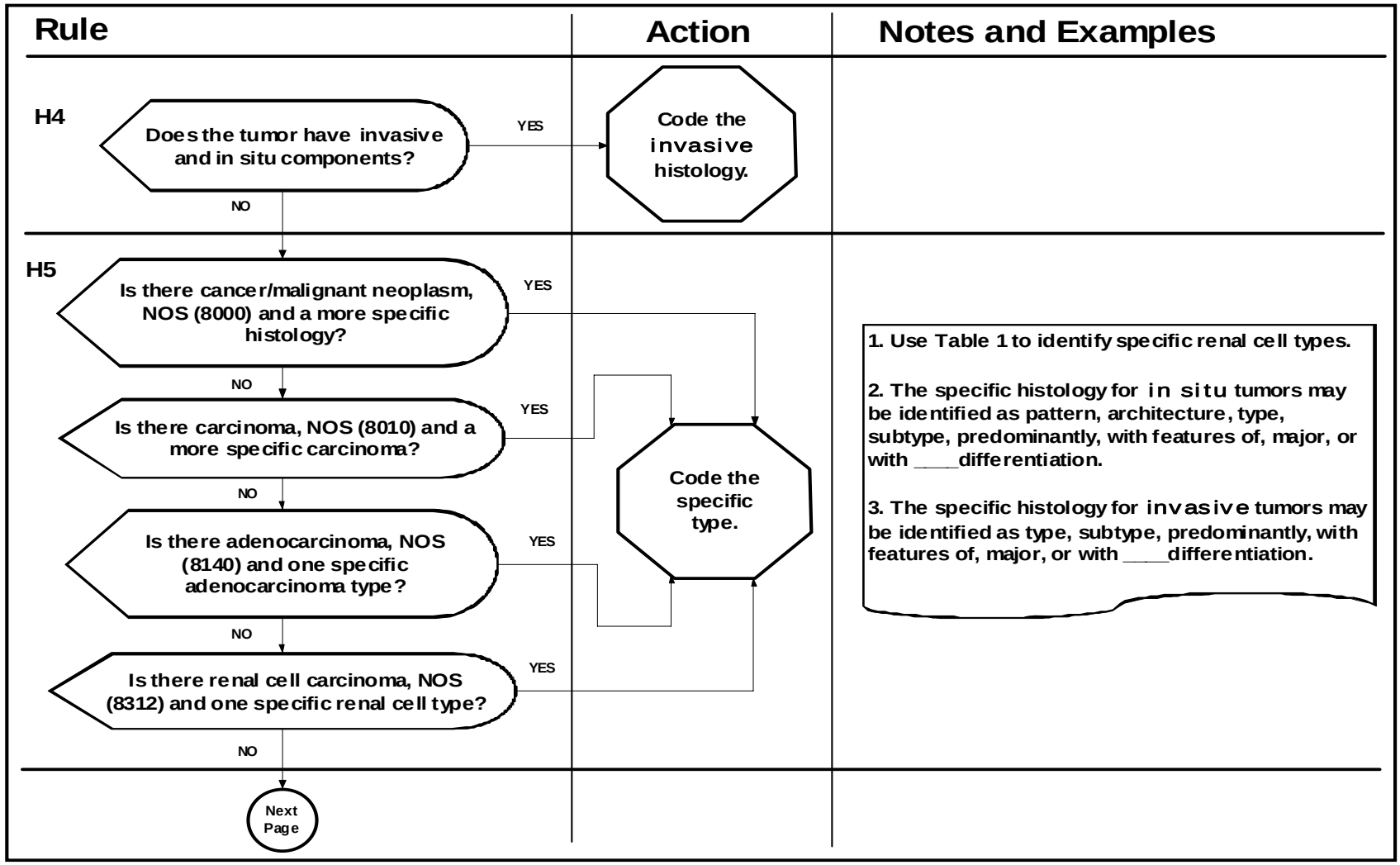

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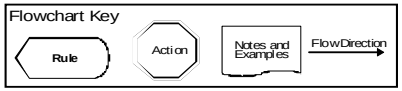

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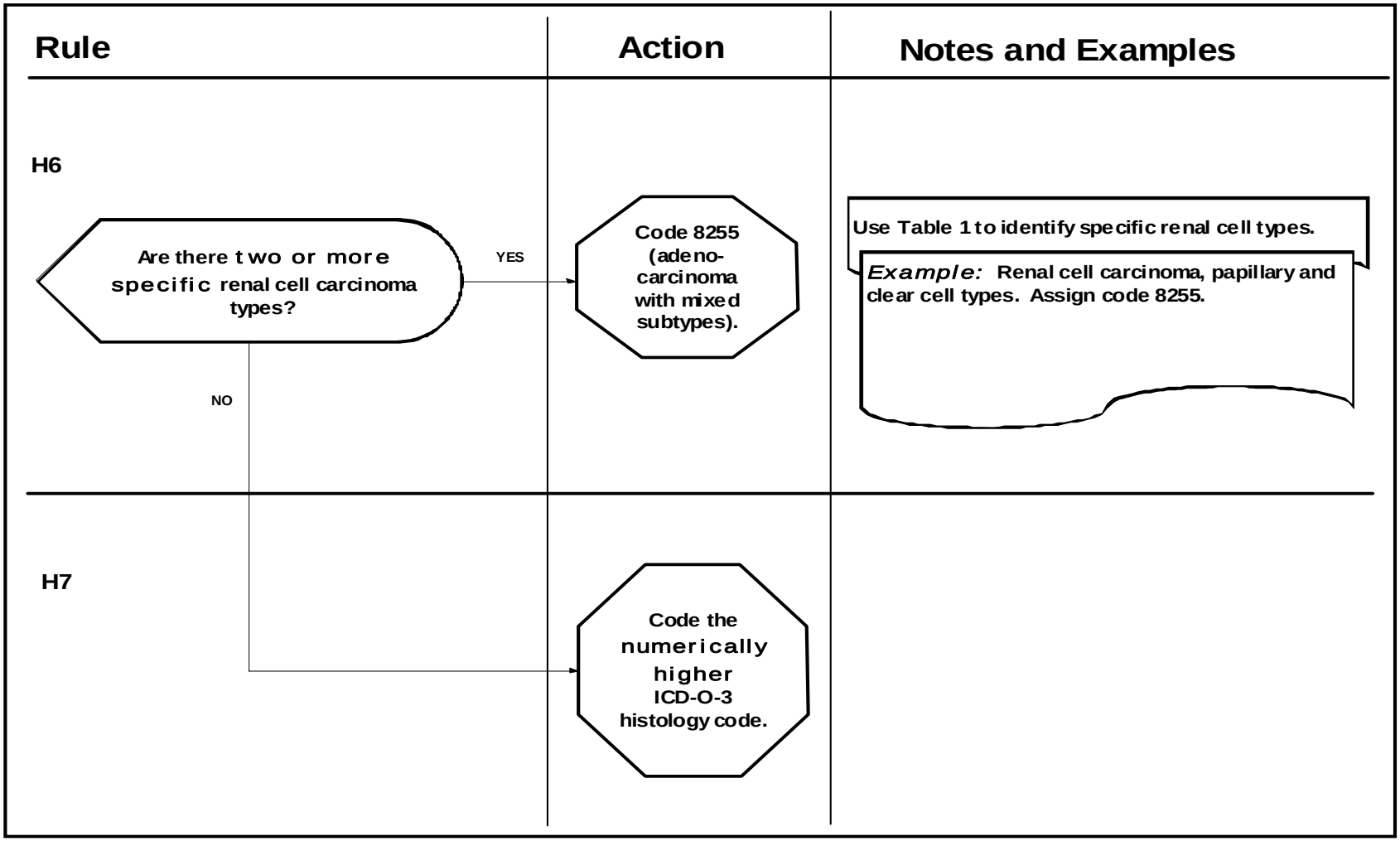

This is the end of instructions for Single Tumor.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

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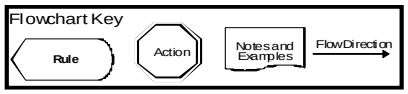

MULTIPLE TUMORS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY

Rule	Action	Notes and Examples
H8 Is there no pathology/cytology specimen or is the pathology/cytology report unavailable?	YES → Code the histology documented by the physician.	1. Priority for using documents to code the histology o Documentation in the medical record refers to pathologic or cytologic findings o Physician's reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record o CT or MRI scans 2. Code the specific histology when documented. 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.
NO		
H9 Is the specimen from a metastatic site? (there is no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site)	YES → Code the histology from a metastatic site.	Code the behavior /3.
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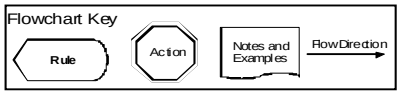

MULTIPLE TUMORS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY

Rule	Action	Notes and Examples
H10 Is only one histologic type identified? YES	Code the histology.	
NO		
H11 Is one tumor in situ and the other invasive or are both tumors invasive? YES	Code the histology of the most invasive tumor	1. This rule should only be used when the first three numbers of the histology codes are identical. (This is a single primary.) 2. See the Kidney 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.
NO		
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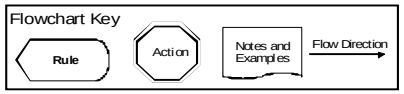

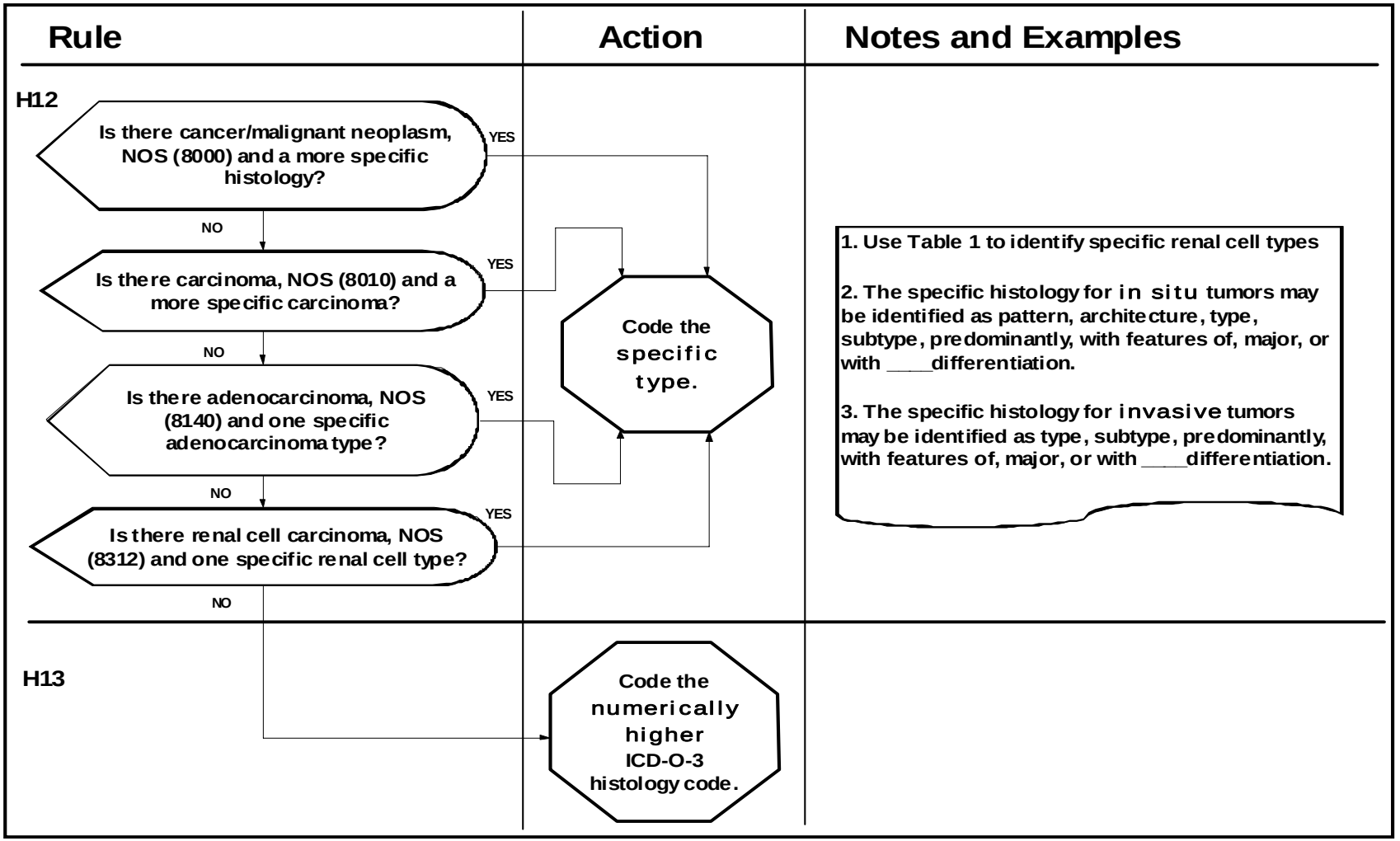

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