

# SEER Inquiry System - Report

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## Question 20000547

### References:

ICD-O-3

### Question:

Histology (Pre-2007): What code is used to represent the histology "non-small cell carcinoma, NOS"? See discussion.

### Discussion:

Should a non-small cell carcinoma histology be assumed to be a large cell carcinoma [8031/3] or should the histology be coded to carcinoma, NOS [8010/3]?

### Answer:

For tumor diagnosed 2001-2006: Code the Histology field to 8046/3 [non-small cell carcinoma].

For tumors diagnosed 2007 or later, refer to the MP/H rules. If there are still questions about how this type of tumor should be coded, submit a new question to SINQ and include the difficulties you are encountering in applying the MP/H rules.

### History:

For cases diagnosed prior to 1/1/01: Code the Histology field to 8010/3 [carcinoma, NOS]. Non-small cell is a generic descriptive term (like bronchogenic).

Non-small cell carcinomas can be large cell, adeno, squamous or other histologies. The pathologist may not be able to tell which type it is. Therefore, code to carcinoma, NOS.

### Cancer Site Category:

N/A

### Data Item Category:

Histology

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2000