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## Question 20010075

### References:

#1: Coding Complex Morph Dx's, 2. Rule C1, C2 (Revised 8/2002)

#2: SINC. 20010097, 20021034

### Question:

Histology (Pre-2007): What code is used to represent the histology "adenocarcinoma with a mucinous focus"? See discussion.

### Discussion:

Could 8480/3 [mucinous adenocarcinoma] be used to code histology?

### Answer:

For tumors diagnosed prior to 2007:

Code the Histology field to 8140/3 [adenocarcinoma, NOS]. "Focus" does not indicate the majority of tumor per rule C2 on page 2 of the Coding Complex Morph Dx's. The tumor must be at least 50% mucinous, mucin producing, or signet ring to be coded to the specific histology.

We code to the more specific term if there are no qualifying or modifying terms such as: focally, focus, predominantly. If any qualifying words are used, the C1 rule applies, which is to code to the majority of tumor.

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 SINC and include the difficulties you are encountering in applying the MP/H rules.

### Cancer Site Category:

N/A

### Data Item Category:

Histology

### Other Category:

N/A

### Year:

2001