

Benign and Borderline Intracranial and CNS Tumors
Histology Coding Rules – Matrix
C700, C701, C709, C710-C719, C720-C725, C728, C729, C751-C753

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

Rule	Pathology/Cytology Specimen	Histology	Behavior	Notes and Examples	Code
SINGLE TUMOR					
H1	No specimen or report available			<i>1:</i> Priority for using documents to code the histology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings • Physician’s reference to type of tumor (histology) in the medical record • PET, CT or MRI scans <i>2:</i> Code the specific histology when documented <i>3:</i> Code the histology to 8000 (neoplasm, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented	Histology documented by the physician
H2		One type			The histology
H3		Multiple, all in the same branch on Chart 1			The more specific histology
H4	None of the above conditions are met				The histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code
MULTIPLE TUMORS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY					
H5	No specimen or report available			<i>1:</i> Priority for using documents to code the histology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings • Physician’s reference to type of tumor (histology) in the medical record • PET, CT or MRI scans <i>2:</i> Code the specific histology when documented <i>3:</i> Code the histology to 8000 (neoplasm, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented	Histology documented by the physician

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H6	Multiple meningiomas	Uncertain behavior (/1)	<i>1:</i> This is a rare condition that is usually associated with neurofibromatosis type 2 and other genetic disorders <i>2:</i> Use this code only for meningiomas with uncertain behavior; do not use this code for multiple benign or malignant meningiomas		9530/1
H7	One type				The histology
H8	Original diagnosis		Do not change the histology code when a later tumor(s) shows progression of disease		The histology from the original diagnosis.
H9	Multiple, all in the same branch on Chart 1				The more specific histology
H10	None of the above conditions are met				The histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code