

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

Note: Malignant 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 tumor (histology) in the medical record
- PET, CT or MRI scans

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

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

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

Rule H3 When there are **multiple histologies** and all histologies are in the **same branch** on Chart 1, code the more specific histology

Rule H4 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 H5 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 tumor (histology) in the medical record
- PET, CT or MRI scans

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

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

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- Rule H6** Code multiple meningiomas of uncertain behavior to 9530/1
Note 1: This is a rare condition that is usually associated with neurofibromatosis type 2 and other genetic disorders
Note 2: Use this code only for meningiomas with uncertain behavior; do not use this code for multiple benign or malignant meningiomas
- Rule H7** Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified.
- Rule H8** Code the histology from the original diagnosis.
Note: Do not change the behavior code when a later tumor(s) shows progression of disease.
- Rule H9** When there are **multiple histologies** and all histologies are in the **same branch** on Chart 1, code the more specific histology
- Rule H10** 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.
