Benign and Borderline Intracranial and CNS Tumors
Histology Coding Rules – Text
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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.