

Benign and Borderline Intracranial and CNS Tumors
Multiple Primary 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.

UNKNOWN IF SINGLE OR MULTIPLE TUMORS

Note: Tumor(s) not described as metastasis

Rule M1 When it is not possible to determine if there is a **single** tumor **or multiple** tumors, opt for a single tumor and abstract as a single primary.*

Note: Use this rule only after all information sources have been exhausted.

*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**
This is the end of instructions for Unknown if Single or Multiple Tumors.

SINGLE TUMOR

Note: Tumor not described as metastasis

Rule M2 A **single tumor** is always a single primary.*

Note: *The tumor may overlap onto or extend into adjacent/contiguous site or subsite.*

*** Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.**
This is the end of instructions for Single Tumor.

MULTIPLE TUMORS

Multiple tumors may be a single primary or multiple primaries.

Note: Tumors not described as metastases

Rule M3 An **invasive** brain tumor (/3) **and either** a **benign** brain tumor (/0) **or** an **uncertain/borderline** brain tumor (/1) are always multiple primaries. **

Rule M4 Tumors with ICD-O-3 **topography** codes that are **different** at the second (Cxxx) and/or third characters (Cxxx), or fourth (Cxxx) are multiple primaries. **

Rule M5 Tumors on **both sides** (left and right) of a **paired site** (Table 1) are multiple primaries. **

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Rule M6 An atypical choroid plexus papilloma (9390/1) following a choroid plexus papilloma, NOS (9390/0) is a single primary. *
Note: Do not code progression of disease as multiple primaries.

Rule M7 A neurofibromatosis, NOS (9540/1) following a neurofibroma, NOS (9540/0) is a single primary. *
Note: Do not code progression of disease as multiple primaries.

Rule M8 Tumors with two or more histologic types on the **same branch** in Chart 1 are a single primary. *

Rule M9 Tumors with multiple histologic types on **different branches** in Chart 1 are multiple primaries. **

Rule M10 Tumors with **two or more histologic types** and at least **one** of the histologies **is not listed** in Chart 1 are multiple primaries. **

Rule M11 Tumors with ICD-O-3 **histology** codes that are **different** at the first (xxxx), second (xxxx) or third (xxxx) number are multiple primaries. **
Note: Use this rule when none of the histology codes are listed in Chart 1.

Rule M12 Tumors that **do not meet any** of the above criteria are a single primary. *
Note: Timing is not used to determine multiple primaries for benign and borderline intracranial and CNS tumors.

Rule M12 Examples: The following are examples of cases that use Rule M12. This is NOT intended to be an exhaustive set of examples; there are other cases that may be classified as a single primary. **Warning: Using only these case examples to determine the number of primaries can result in major errors.**

Example 1: Tumors in the same site with the same histology (Chart 1) and the same laterality as the original tumor are a single primary.	Example 2: Tumors in the same site with the same histology (Chart 1) and it is unknown if laterality is the same as the original tumor are a single primary.
Example 3: Tumors in the same site and same laterality with histology codes not listed in Chart 1 that have the same first three numbers are a single primary.	

**** Prepare two or more abstracts. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code to each case abstracted. This is the end of instructions for Multiple Tumors.**