

Malignant Meninges, Brain, Spinal Cord, Cranial Nerves, Pituitary gland, Craniopharyngeal duct and Pineal gland
Histology Coding Rules – Matrix
C700, C701, C709, C710-C719, C720-C725, C728, C729, C751-C753
(Excludes lymphoma and leukemia – M9590-9989 and Kaposi sarcoma M9140)

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

Rule	Pathology/Cytology Specimen	Histology	Behavior	Notes and Examples	Code
SINGLE TUMOR					
H1	No pathology/cytology specimen or the pathology/cytology report is not 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 cancer (histology) in the medical record CT or MRI scans <i>2:</i> Code the specific histology when documented. <i>3:</i> Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented	The histology documented by the physician
H2	None from primary site			Code the behavior /3	The histology from metastatic site
H3		At least two of the following cells and/or differentiation are present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astrocytoma Oligodendroglioma Ependymal 			Code 9382/3 (mixed glioma)
H4		One type			The histology
H5		Diagnosis includes a non-specific term and a specific term or type on the same branch in Chart 1 or Chart 2			The specific type
H6	None of the above conditions are met				The histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code

Brain and CNS Histo

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MULTIPLE TUMORS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY					
H7	No pathology/cytology specimen or the pathology/cytology report is not available			<p>1: Priority for using documents to code the histology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings • Physician’s reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record • CT or MRI scans <p>2: Code the specific histology when documented</p> <p>3: Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented</p>	The histology documented by the physician
H8	None from primary site			Code the behavior /3	The histology from a metastatic site
H9		One type			The histology
H10		Diagnosis includes a non-specific term and a specific term or type on the same branch in Chart 1 or Chart 2			The specific type
H11	None of the above conditions are met				The histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code