

Lung Histology Coding Rules – Matrix C340-C349

(Excludes lymphoma and leukemia M9590 – 9989 and Kaposi sarcoma M9140)

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			<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, PET, or MRI scans • Chest x-rays <p>2: Code the specific histology when documented.</p> <p>3: Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS) or 8010 (carcinoma, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented</p>	The histology documented by the physician
H2	None from primary site			Code the behavior /3	The histology from metastatic site
H3		One type		<p>Do not code terms that do not appear in the histology description</p> <p>Example 1: Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words “non-keratinizing” actually appear in the diagnosis</p> <p>Example 2: Do not code bronchioalveolar non-mucinous unless the words “non-mucinous” actually appear in the diagnosis</p>	The histology
H4			Invasive and in situ		The invasive histologic type

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H5		<p>Multiple histologies all within the same branch on Chart 1.</p> <p>Examples of histologies within same branch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcinoma, NOS (8010) and a more specific carcinoma or • Adenocarcinoma, NOS (8140) and a more specific adenocarcinoma or • Squamous cell carcinoma, NOS (8070) and a more specific squamous cell carcinoma or • Sarcoma, NOS (8800) and a more specific sarcoma. 		<p>The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____differentiation. The specific histology may also be identified as follows: adenocarcinoma, clear cell or clear cell adenocarcinoma.</p> <p>Example 1: Adenocarcinoma, predominantly mucinous. Code 8480 (mucinous adenocarcinoma).</p> <p>Example 2: Non-small cell carcinoma, papillary squamous cell. Code 8052 (papillary squamous cell carcinoma).</p>	The most specific term using Chart 1
H6		Multiple specific or a non-specific with multiple specific (Table 1)		<p>The specific histologies may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with differentiation</p> <p>Example 1 (multiple specific histologies): Solid and papillary adenocarcinoma. Code 8255 (adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes).</p> <p>Example 2 (multiple specific histologies): Combined small cell and squamous cell carcinoma. Code 8045 (combined small cell carcinoma).</p> <p>Example 3 (non-specific with multiple specific histologies): Adenocarcinoma with papillary and clear cell features. Code 8255 (adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes).</p>	The appropriate combination/mixed code (Table 1)

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H7	None of the above conditions are met				The histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code
MULTIPLE TUMORS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY					
H8	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, PET, or MRI scans • Chest x-rays <p>2: Code the specific histology when documented</p> <p>3: Code the histology to 8000 (cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS) or 8010 (carcinoma, NOS) as stated by the physician when nothing more specific is documented</p>	The histology documented by the physician
H9	None from primary site			Code the behavior /3	The histology from a metastatic site
H10		One type		<p>Do not code terms that do not appear in the histology description</p> <p>Example 1: Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words “non-keratinizing” actually appear in the diagnosis.</p> <p>Example 2: Do not code bronchioalveolar non-mucinous unless the words “non-mucinous” actually appear in the diagnosis.</p>	The histology

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H11				<p>1: This rule should only be used when the first three digits of the histology codes are identical (This is a single primary).</p> <p>2: See the Lung Equivalent Terms, Definitions, Charts, Tables and Illustrations for the definition of most invasive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One tumor is in situ and one is invasive, code the histology from the invasive tumor • Both/all histologies are invasive, code the histology of the most invasive tumor. 	The histology of the most invasive tumor
H12		<p>Multiple histologies all within the same branch on Chart 1. Examples of histologies within same branch:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carcinoma, NOS (8010) and a more specific carcinoma or • Adenocarcinoma, NOS (8140) and a more specific adenocarcinoma or • Squamous cell carcinoma, NOS (8070) and a more specific squamous cell carcinoma or • Sarcoma, NOS (8800) and a more specific sarcoma. 		<p>The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____differentiation. The specific histology may also be identified as follows: adenocarcinoma, clear cell or clear cell adenocarcinoma.</p> <p>Example 1: Adenocarcinoma, predominantly mucinous. Code 8480 (mucinous adenocarcinoma).</p> <p>Example 2: Non-small cell carcinoma, papillary squamous cell. Code 8052 (papillary squamous cell carcinoma).</p>	The most specific term using Chart 1
H13	None of the above conditions are met				The histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code

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