Cutaneous Melanoma Multiple Primary Rules – Text
C440-C449 with Histology 8720-8780
(Excludes melanoma of any other site)

UNKNOWN IF SINGLE OR MULTIPLE MELANOMAS

Note: Melanoma(s) not described as metastasis

Rule M1 When it is not possible to determine if there is a single melanoma or multiple melanomas, opt for a single melanoma 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 Melanoma.

SINGLE MELANOMA

Note 1: Melanoma not described as metastasis
Note 2: Includes combinations of in situ and invasive

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

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

MULTIPLE MELANOMAS

Multiple melanomas may be a single primary or multiple primaries
Note 1: Melanoma not described as metastases
Note 2: Includes combinations of in situ and invasive

Rule M3 Melanomas in sites with ICD-O-3 topography codes that are different at the second (Cxxx), third (Cxx) or fourth (C44x) character are multiple primaries. **
Melanomas with different laterality are multiple primaries. **  
*Note:* A midline melanoma is a different laterality than right or left.  
*Example 1:* Melanoma of the right side of the chest and a melanoma at midline of the chest are different laterality, multiple primaries  
*Example 2:* A melanoma of the right side of the chest and a melanoma of the left side of the chest are multiple primaries

Rule M5  
Melanomas with ICD-O-3 histology codes that are different at the first (xxxx), second (xxx) or third number (xxx) are multiple primaries. **

Rule M6  
An invasive melanoma that occurs more than 60 days after an in situ melanoma is a multiple primary. **  
*Note 1:* The purpose of this rule is to ensure that the case is counted as an incident (invasive) case when incidence data are analyzed.  
*Note 2:* Abstract as multiple primaries even if the medical record/physician states it is recurrence or progression of disease.

Rule M7  
Melanomas diagnosed more than 60 days apart are multiple primaries. **

Rule M8  
Melanomas that do not meet any of the above criteria are abstracted as a single primary. *  
*Note 1:* Use the data item “Multiplicity Counter” to record the number of melanomas abstracted as a single primary.  
*Note 2:* When an invasive melanoma follows an in situ melanoma within 60 days, abstract as a single primary.  
*Note 3:* All cases covered by this rule are the same site and histology.

* Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.  
** 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 Melanomas.

** Rule M8 Examples:** The following are examples of cases that use Rule M8. 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.

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