

Head and Neck Multiple Primary Rules – Matrix
C000-C148, C300-C329
(Excludes lymphoma and leukemia – M9590 – 9989 and Kaposi sarcoma M9140)

* 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.

Rule	Site	Histology	Timing	Behavior	Notes/Examples	Primary
UNKNOWN IF SINGLE OR MULTIPLE TUMORS					Tumor(s) not described as metastasis	
M1					Use this rule only after all information sources have been exhausted. <i>Example 1:</i> History and physical exam states large tumor in nasopharynx. Biopsy base of tongue shows squamous cell carcinoma. No further information available. Abstract as a single primary. <i>Example 2:</i> Pathology report states extensive squamous cell carcinoma involving nasopharynx and larynx. Fragments of epiglottis positive for squamous cell carcinoma. No other information available. Abstract as a single primary.	Single*
SINGLE TUMOR					<i>1.</i> Tumor not described as metastasis <i>2:</i> Includes combinations of in situ and invasive	
M2	Single				The tumor may overlap onto or extend into adjacent/contiguous site or subsite.	Single*
MULTIPLE TUMORS Multiple tumors may be a single primary or multiple primaries					<i>1.</i> Tumors not described as metastases <i>2:</i> Includes combinations of in situ and invasive	
M3	Right side and left side of a paired site				See Table 1 for list of paired sites	Multiple**
M4	Upper lip (C000 or C003) and lower lip (C001 or C004)					Multiple**
M5	Upper gum (C030) and lower gum (C031)					Multiple**
M6	Nasal cavity (C300) and middle ear (C301)					Multiple**

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M7	Topography codes that are different at the second (C <u>x</u> xx) and/or third (Cx <u>x</u> x) character					Multiple**
M8			More than 60 days after diagnosis	An invasive following an in situ	<i>1:</i> The purpose of this rule is to ensure that the case is counted as an incident (invasive) case when incidence data are analyzed. <i>2:</i> Abstract as multiple primaries even if the medical record/physician states it is recurrence or progression of disease.	Multiple**
M9			Diagnosed more than five (5) years apart			Multiple**

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M10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS (8000) and another is a specific histology; or • Carcinoma, NOS (8010) and another is a specific carcinoma; or • Adenocarcinoma, NOS (8140) and another is a specific adenocarcinoma; or • Squamous cell carcinoma, NOS (8070) and another is specific squamous cell carcinoma or • Melanoma and another is a specific melanoma; or • Sarcoma, NOS (8800) and another is a specific sarcoma 				Single*
M11		Different at the first (<u>x</u> xxx), second (x <u>x</u> xx), or third (xx <u>x</u>) number				Multiple**

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M12	Does not meet any of the above criteria				<p><i>1.</i> When an invasive tumor follows an in situ tumor within 60 days, abstract as a single primary.</p> <p><i>2.</i> All cases covered by rule M12 have the same first 3 numbers in ICD-O-3 histologic code.</p> <p>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: <i>Using only these case examples to determine the number of primaries can result in major errors</i></p> <p>Example 1: Multifocal tumors in floor of mouth</p> <p>Example 2: An in situ and invasive tumor diagnosed within 60 days</p> <p>Example 3: In situ following an invasive tumor more than 60 days apart</p>	Single*