Other Sites Histo

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SINGLE TUMOR: IN SITU ONLY
(Single Tumor; all parts are in situ)

**Rule H1**  Code the histology documented by the physician when the pathology/cytology report is **not available**.
*Note 1:* Priority for using documents to code the histology
- Documentation in the medical record that refers to pathologic or cytologic findings
- Physician’s reference to type of cancer in the medical record
*Note 2:* Code the specific histology when documented.
*Note 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.

**Rule H2**  Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified.
*Note:* Do not code terms that do not appear in the histology description.
*Example:* Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words “non-keratinizing” actually appear in the diagnosis.

**Rule H3**  Code 8210 (adenocarcinoma in *adenomatous polyp*), 8261 (adenocarcinoma in *villous adenoma*), or 8263 (adenocarcinoma in *tubulovillous adenoma*) when:
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma **and** a residual polyp or polyp architecture is recorded in other parts of the pathology report or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma **and** there is reference to a residual or pre-existing polyp or
- The final diagnosis is mucinous/colloid or signet ring cell adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- There is documentation that the patient had a polypectomy
*Note:* It is important to know that the adenocarcinoma originated in a polyp.

**Rule H4**  Code the **most specific** histologic term when the diagnosis is:
- Carcinoma in situ, NOS (8010) and a specific in situ carcinoma or
- Squamous cell carcinoma in situ, NOS (8070) and a specific in situ squamous cell carcinoma or
- Adenocarcinoma in situ, NOS (8140) and a specific in situ adenocarcinoma or
- Melanoma in situ, NOS (8720) and a specific in situ melanoma
*Note:* The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, with differentiation, architecture or pattern. The terms architecture and pattern are subtypes only for in situ cancer.
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Rule H5  Code the appropriate combination/mixed code (Table 2) when there are multiple specific histologies or when there is a non-specific histology with multiple specific histologies

Note: The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, with ___ differentiation, architecture or pattern. The terms architecture and pattern are subtypes only for in situ cancer.

Rule H6  Code the histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for a Single Tumor: In Situ Carcinoma Only.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.

Single Tumor: Invasive and In Situ Carcinoma.

Rule H7  Code the single invasive histology. Ignore the in situ terms.

Note: This is a change from the previous histology coding rules and is different from ICD-O-3 rules. This change was made in collaboration with the ICD-O-3 editors. The consensus was that coding the invasive component of the tumor better explains the likely disease course and survival category.

This is the end of instructions for a Single Tumor: Invasive and In Situ Carcinoma.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.
SINGLE TUMOR: INVASIVE ONLY

(Single Tumor; all parts are invasive)

Rule H8 Code the histology documented by the physician when there is no pathology/cytology specimen or the pathology/cytology report is not available.

Note 1: Priority for using documents to code the histology
- 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

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

Note 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.

Rule H9 Code the histology from a metastatic site when there is no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site.

Note: Code the behavior /3.

Rule H10 Code 8140 (adenocarcinoma, NOS) for prostate primaries when the diagnosis is acinar (adeno)carcinoma.

Rule H11 Code the histology when only one histologic type is identified

Note 1: Do not code terms that do not appear in the histology description.
Example: Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words “non-keratinizing” actually appear in the diagnosis.

Note 2: If this is a papillary carcinoma of the thyroid, go to Rule H14

Rule H12 Code 8210 (adenocarcinoma in adenomatous polyp), 8261 (adenocarcinoma in villous adenoma), or 8263 (adenocarcinoma in tubulovillous adenoma) when:
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma and a residual polyp or polyp architecture is recorded in other parts of the pathology report or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma and there is reference to a residual or pre-existing polyp or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma mucinous/collloid or signet ring cell adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- There is documentation that the patient had a polypectomy

Note: It is important to know that the adenocarcinoma originated in a polyp.
Rule H13  Code the most specific histologic term. Examples include:
- Cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS (8000) and a more specific histology or
- Carcinoma, NOS (8010) and a more specific carcinoma or
- Squamous cell carcinoma, NOS (8070) and a more specific squamous cell carcinoma or
- Adenocarcinoma, NOS (8140) and a more specific adenocarcinoma or
- Melanoma, NOS (8720) and a more specific melanoma or
- Sarcoma, NOS (8800) and a more specific sarcoma

Note: The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ___ differentiation. The terms architecture and pattern are subtypes only for in situ cancer.

Example 1: Adenocarcinoma, predominantly mucinous. Code mucinous adenocarcinoma 8480.

Rule H14  Code papillary carcinoma of the thyroid to papillary adenocarcinoma, NOS (8260).

Rule H15  Code follicular and papillary carcinoma of the thyroid to papillary carcinoma, follicular variant (8340).

Rule H16  Code the appropriate combination/mixed code (Table 2) when there are multiple specific histologies or when there is a non-specific histology with multiple specific histologies

Note: The specific histologies may be identified as a type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____ differentiation.

Example 1 (multiple specific histologies): Mucinous and papillary adenocarcinoma. Code 8255 (adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes)
Example 2 (multiple specific histologies): Combined small cell and squamous cell carcinoma. Code 8045 (combined small cell carcinoma)
Example 3 (non-specific with multiple specific histologies): Adenocarcinoma with papillary and clear cell features. Code 8255 (adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes)

Rule H17  Code the histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for a Single Tumor: Invasive Carcinoma Only.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.
MULTIPLE TUMORS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY

Rule H18  Code the histology documented by the physician when there is no pathology/cytology specimen or the pathology/cytology report is not available.

  Note 1: Priority for using documents to code the histology
  • From reports or notes in the medical record that document or reference pathologic or cytologic findings
  • From clinician reference to type of cancer (histology) in the medical record
  • CT, PET or MRI scans
  
  Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.
  
  Note 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.

Rule H19  Code the histology from a metastatic site when there is no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site.

  Note: Code the behavior /3.

Rule H20  Code 8140 (adenocarcinoma, NOS) for prostate primaries when the diagnosis is acinar (adenocarcinoma).

Rule H21  Code 8077/2 (Squamous intraepithelial neoplasia, grade III) for in situ squamous intraepithelial neoplasia grade III in sites such as the vulva (VIN III) vagina (VAIN III), or anus (AIN III).

  Note 1: VIN, VAIN, and AIN are squamous cell carcinomas. Code 8077 cannot be used for glandular intraepithelial neoplasia such as prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN) or pancreatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PAIN).

  Note 2: This code may be used for reportable-by-agreement cases.

Rule H22  Code 8148/2 (Glandular intraepithelial neoplasia grade III) for in situ glandular intraepithelial neoplasia grade III in sites such as the pancreas (PAIN III).

  Note: This code may be used for reportable-by-agreement cases such as intraepithelial neoplasia of the prostate (PIN III).

Rule H23  Code the histology when only one histologic type is identified

  Note: Do not code terms that do not appear in the histology description.

  Example: Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words “non-keratinizing” actually appear in the diagnosis.
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Rule H24  Code the histology of the underlying tumor when there is extramammary Paget disease and an underlying tumor of the anus, perianal region, or vulva.

Rule H25  Code 8210 (adenocarcinoma in adenomatous polyp), 8261 (adenocarcinoma in villous adenoma), or 8263 (adenocarcinoma in tubulovillous adenoma) when:
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma and a residual polyp or polyp architecture is recorded in other parts of the pathology report or
- The final diagnosis is adenocarcinoma and there is reference to a residual or pre-existing polyp or
- The final diagnosis is mucinous/colloid or signet ring cell adenocarcinoma in a polyp or
- There is documentation that the patient had a polypectomy

Note: It is important to know that the adenocarcinoma originated in a polyp.

Rule H26  Code papillary carcinoma of the thyroid to papillary adenocarcinoma, NOS (8260).

Rule H27  Code follicular and papillary carcinoma of the thyroid to papillary carcinoma, follicular variant (8340).

Rule H28  Code the single invasive histology for combinations of invasive and in situ. Ignore the in situ terms.

Note: This is a change from the previous histology coding rules and is different from ICD-O-3 rules. This change was made in collaboration with the ICD-O-3 editors. The consensus was that coding the invasive component of the tumor better explains the likely disease course and survival category.

Rule H29  Code the most specific histologic term. Examples include:
- Cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS (8000) and a more specific histology or
- Carcinoma, NOS (8010) and a more specific carcinoma or
- Squamous cell carcinoma, NOS (8070) and a more specific squamous cell carcinoma or
- Adenocarcinoma, NOS (8140) and a more specific adenocarcinoma or
- Melanoma, NOS (8720) and a more specific melanoma or
- Sarcoma, NOS (8800) and a more specific sarcoma

Note: The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ___ differentiation. The terms architecture and pattern are subtypes only for in situ cancer.

Example 1: Adenocarcinoma, predominantly mucinous. Code mucinous adenocarcinoma 8480.

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Rule H30  Code the appropriate combination/mixed code (Table 2) when there are **multiple specific histologies** or when there is a non-specific histology with **multiple specific histologies**

*Note:* The specific histologies may be identified as a type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____ differentiation.

**Example 1 (multiple specific histologies):** Gyn malignancy with mucinous, serous and papillary adenocarcinoma. Code 8323 (mixed cell adenocarcinoma)

**Example 2 (multiple specific histologies):** Combined small cell and squamous cell carcinoma. Code 8045 (combined small cell carcinoma)

**Example 3 (non-specific with multiple specific histologies):** Adenocarcinoma with papillary and clear cell features. Code 8255 (adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes)

Rule H31  Code the histology with the **numerically higher** ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for Multiple Tumors Abstracted as a Single Primary.

Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.