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Rule	Pathology/Cytology Specimen	Primary Site	Histology	Behavior	Notes and Examples	Code
H10		Prostate	Acinar (adeno)carcinoma			8140 (adenocarcinoma NOS)
H11			One type		<p>1: Do not code terms that do not appear in the histology description.</p> <p>Example: Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words “non-keratinizing” actually appear in the diagnosis.</p> <p>2: If this is a papillary carcinoma of the thyroid, go to Rule H14</p>	The histology
H12			<p>Final diagnosis is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adenocarcinoma in a polyp or • Adenocarcinoma and a residual polyp or polyp architecture is recorded in other parts of the pathology report or • Adenocarcinoma and there is reference to a residual or pre-existing polyp or • Mucinous/colloid or signet ring cell adenocarcinoma in a polyp or <p>There is documentation that the patient had a polypectomy</p>		It is important to know that the adenocarcinoma originated in a polyp	<p>8210 (adenocarcinoma in adenomatous polyp) or</p> <p>8261 (adenocarcinoma in villous adenoma) or</p> <p>8263 (adenocarcinoma in tubulovillous adenoma)</p>

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H13			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 		<p>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.</p> <p>Example 1: Adenocarcinoma, predominantly mucinous. Code mucinous adenocarcinoma (8480).</p> <p>Example 2: Non-small cell carcinoma, papillary squamous cell. Code papillary squamous cell carcinoma (8052).</p>	The most specific histologic term
H14		Thyroid	Papillary carcinoma			8260 (papillary adenocarcinoma, NOS)
H15		Thyroid	Follicular and papillary carcinoma			8340 (Papillary carcinoma, follicular variant)