
APPENDIX B: Site-Specific Surgery Codes**BRAIN**
Meninges C70.0–C70.9, Brain C71.0–C71.9,
Spinal Cord, Cranial Nerves and Other Parts of Central Nervous System
C72.0–C72.9

(Except for M-9750, 9760–9764, 9800–9820, 9826, 9831–9920, 9931–9964, 9980–9989)

Do not code laminectomies for spinal cord primaries.

Codes

- 00 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY
- 10 Tumor destruction, NOS
No specimen sent to pathology from surgical event 10.
Do not record stereotactic radiosurgery as tumor destruction. It should be recorded in the radiation treatment items.
- 20 Local excision (biopsy) of lesion or mass
Specimen sent to pathology from surgical event 20.
- 40 Partial resection
- 55 Gross total resection
- 90 Surgery, NOS
- 99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY

ALL OTHER SITES

**C14.2–C14.8, C17.0–C17.9, C23.9, C24.0–C24.9, C26.0–C26.9, C30.0–C 30.1,
C31.0–C31.9, C33.9, C37.9, C38.0–C38.8, C39.0–C39.9, C48.0–C48.8,
C51.0–C51.9, C52.9, C57.0–C57.9, C58.9, C60.0–C60.9, C63.0–C63.9,
C68.0–C68.9, C69.0–C69.9, C74.0–C74.9, C75.0–C75.9**

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Codes

- 00 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY
- 10 Local tumor destruction, NOS
 - 11 Photodynamic therapy (PDT)
 - 12 Electrocautery; fulguration (includes use of hot forceps for tumor destruction)
 - 13 Cryosurgery
 - 14 Laser

No specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 10–14.
- 20 Local tumor excision, NOS
 - 26 Polypectomy
 - 27 Excisional biopsy

Any combination of 20 or 26–27 WITH

 - 21 Photodynamic therapy (PDT)
 - 22 Electrocautery
 - 23 Cryosurgery
 - 24 Laser ablation

25 Laser excision

Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20–27.
- 30 Simple/partial surgical removal of primary site
- 40 Total surgical removal of primary site; enucleation
 - 41 Total enucleation (for eye surgery only)
- 50 Surgery stated to be “debulking”
- 60 Radical surgery

Partial or total removal of the primary site WITH a resection in continuity (partial or total removal) with other organs.
- 90 Surgery, NOS
- 99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY

DETERMINING MULTIPLE PRIMARIES: HEMATOPOIETIC PRIMARIES (Lymphoma and Leukemia)

If the physician clearly states that a hematopoietic diagnosis is a new primary, use that information. If there is no clear information from the physician, use the SEER table “Definitions of Single and Subsequent Primaries for Hematologic Malignancies” to determine multiple primaries. Go to <http://seer.cancer.gov/icd-o-3/> to download the SEER table in PDF format.

DETERMINING MULTIPLE PRIMARIES: BENIGN AND BORDERLINE PRIMARY INTRACRANIAL AND CNS TUMORS (C70.0-C72.9, C75.1-C75.3)

Definitions

Same site: The first two numeric digits of the ICD-O-3 topography code are identical.

Different site: The first two numeric digits of the ICD-O-3 topography code are different.

Timing: The amount of time between the original and subsequent tumors is not used to determine multiple primaries because the natural biology of non-malignant tumors is that of expansive, localized growth.

HOW TO DETERMINE SAME VS DIFFERENT HISTOLOGIES (BASED ON HISTOLOGIC GROUPINGS)

When there are **multiple tumors**, use the following table to determine if the tumors are the same histology or different histologies.

Histologic groupings to determine same histology for non-malignant brain tumors

Histologic Group	ICD-O-3 Code
Choroid plexus neoplasms	9390/0, 9390/1
Ependymomas	9383, 9394, 9444
Neuronal and neuronal-glial neoplasms	9384, 9412, 9413, 9442, 9505/1, 9506
Neurofibromas	9540/0, 9540/1, 9541, 9550, 9560/0
Neurinomatosis	9560/1
Neurothekeoma	9562
Neuroma	9570
Perineurioma, NOS	9571/0

Instructions for Using Histologic Group Table

1. **Both** histologies are listed in the **table**
 - a. Histologies that are in the same **grouping** or row in the table are the **same histology**.
 - b. **Note:** Histologies that are in the same grouping are a progression, differentiation or subtype of a single histologic category.
 - c. Histologies listed in **different groupings** in the table are **different histologies**.