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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 from a metastatic site when there is **no pathology/cytology** specimen from the **primary site**.

Note: Code the behavior /3

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Rule H3

Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified.

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

Example 1: Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words "non-keratinizing" actually appear in the diagnosis.	Example 2: Adenocarcinoma, periphery of RUL lung
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Rule H4

Code the invasive histologic type when a single tumor has **invasive and in situ** components.

Example: RUL lung tumor, pleomorphic carcinoma and squamous cell carcinoma in situ

Rule H5

Code the **most specific** term using Chart 1 when there are multiple histologies within the same branch.

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Examples of histologies within the same branch are

- Cancer/malignant neoplasm, NOS (8000) and a more specific histology or
- Carcinoma, NOS (8010) and a more specific carcinoma or
- Adenocarcinoma, NOS (8140) and a more specific adenocarcinoma or
- Squamous cell carcinoma, NOS (8070) and a more specific squamous cell carcinoma or
- Sarcoma, NOS (8800) and a more specific sarcoma

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The specific histology may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____ differentiation

Example 1: Adenocarcinoma, predominantly mucinous. Code 8480 (mucinous adenocarcinoma)..	Example 2: Non-small cell carcinoma, papillary squamous cell. Code 8052 (papillary squamous cell carcinoma).
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Rule H6

Code the appropriate combination/mixed code (Table 1) when there are **multiple specific histologies** or when there is a non-specific with **multiple specific histologies**.

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

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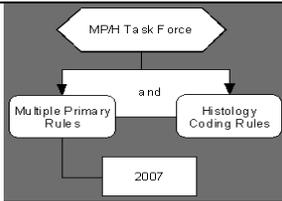
Column 1: Required Terms	Column 2: Additional Required Terms	Column 3: ICD-O-3 Term	Column 4: ICD-O-3 Code
Giant cell carcinoma AND spindle cell carcinoma		Giant cell and spindle cell carcinoma	8030
Small cell carcinoma AND one of the histologies in Column 2. <i>Note: Diagnosis must be small cell carcinoma (NOS), not a subtype of small cell</i>	Adenocarcinoma Large cell carcinoma Squamous cell carcinoma	Combined small cell carcinoma Mixed small cell carcinoma	8045
Squamous cell carcinoma* AND large cell nonkeratinizing		Squamous cell carcinoma, large cell, nonkeratinizing	8072
Squamous cell carcinoma AND small cell nonkeratinizing		Squamous cell carcinoma, small cell, nonkeratinizing	8073
Squamous cell carcinoma* AND one of the histologies in Column 2	Spindle cell carcinoma Sarcomatoid	Squamous cell carcinoma, spindle cell Squamous cell carcinoma, sarcomatoid	8074

Column 1: Required Terms	Column 2: Additional Required Terms	Column 3: ICD-O-3 Term	Column 4: ICD-O-3 Code
A combination of at least two of the histologies in Column 2*	Acinar Bronchoalveolar Bronchioalveolar carcinoma non mucinous (Clara cell/type II pneumocyte) Bronchioalveolar carcinoma mucinous (goblet cell) Bronchioalveolar carcinoma mixed mucinous and non-mucinous Clear cell adenocarcinoma Papillary adenocarcinoma Solid adenocarcinoma Well-differentiated fetal adenocarcinoma	Adenocarcinoma with mixed subtypes**	8255**
Adenocarcinoma AND squamous cell carcinoma <i>Note: Diagnosis must be adenocarcinoma (NOS), not a subtype of adenocarcinoma</i>		Adenosquamous carcinoma	8560
Epithelial carcinoma AND myoepithelial carcinoma		Epithelial-myoepithelial carcinoma	8562

Rule H7

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

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Multiple Tumors Abstracted as a Single Primary

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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
 - Chest x-rays

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- Note 2:** Code the specific histology when documented.
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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

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Rule H10

Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified.

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

Example 1: Do not code squamous cell carcinoma non-keratinizing unless the words "non-keratinizing" actually appear in the diagnosis.	Example 2: Do not code bronchioalveolar non-mucinous unless the words "non-mucinous" actually appear in the diagnosis.
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Rule H11

Code the histology of the **most invasive** tumor.

- One tumor is in situ and one is invasive, code the histology from the invasive tumor.
- Both/all histologies are invasive, code the histology of the most invasive tumor.

Note 1: This rule should only be used when the first three numbers of the histology codes are identical (This is a single primary).

Note 2: See the Lung Equivalent Terms, Definitions, Charts, Tables and Illustrations for the definition of most invasive.

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Rule H12

Code the **most specific** term using Chart 1 **when** there are multiple histologies within the same branch.

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Rule H13

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

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3/27 CT: Large dominant mass posteromedially in right mid lung measuring 4.5 x 5.5cm, concerning for primary lung neoplasm. There are at least 2 additional small 1cm non-calcified lung nodules, one in each lung, as well as nodular infiltrative density in posterior lung bases and question of 1cm right apical nodule. There is a 1-cm precarinal lymph node which is at upper range of normal. No additional mediastinal, left perihilar or axillary lymphadenopathy.

3/30 Bronchoscopy: revealed an endobronchial lesion in the posterior segment of the right lower lobe.

4/10 PET: Focal intense activity involving medial RLL field compatible with carcinoma. No other localized area of metabolic activity is seen to suggest metastatic disease.

Path: Biopsy: Poorly differentiated nonsmall cell carcinoma.
Brushings AND washings: Combined small cell carcinoma (small cell carcinoma and nonsmall component).

Primaries? Histology Code(s)?

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