Cutaneous Melanoma Histology Coding Rules – Text
C440-C449 with Histology 8720-8780
(Excludes melanoma of any other site)

SINGLE MELANOMA OR MULTIPLE MELANOMAS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY

Rule H1 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 melanoma in the medical record
- PET scan

Note 2: Code the specific histology when documented.

Rule H2 Code the histology from the metastatic site when there is **no pathology/cytology specimen from the primary site**.
Note: Code the behavior /3.

Rule H3 Code the histology when only **one histologic type** is identified.

Rule H4 Code the invasive histologic type when there are **invasive and in situ** components.

Rule H5 Code the **histologic type** when the diagnosis is **regressing** melanoma **and** a **histologic** type.
Example: Nodular melanoma with features of regression. Code 8721 (Nodular melanoma).

Rule H6 Code 8723 (Malignant melanoma, regressing) when the diagnosis is **regressing melanoma**.
Example: Malignant melanoma with features of regression. Code 8723.

Rule H7 Code the **histologic type** when the diagnosis is **lentigo maligna** melanoma **and** a **histologic** type.

Rule H8 Code 8742 (Lentigo maligna melanoma) when the diagnosis is **lentigo maligna** melanoma.

Rule H9 **Code the** most **specific** histologic **term** when the diagnosis is melanoma, NOS (8720) with a single specific type.
Note 1: The specific type for **in situ** lesions may be identified as pattern, architecture, type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____differentiation
Note 2: The specific type for **invasive** lesions may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____differentiation.

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Rule H10   Code the histology with the **numerically higher** ICD-O-3 code.

This is the end of instructions for Single Melanoma or Multiple Melanomas Abstracted as a Single Primary.
Code the histology according to the rule that fits the case.