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2018 Solid Tumor Rules

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This manual replaces the previously posted 2018 Solid Tumor Manual and should be used for coding cases diagnosed January 1, 2018 and forward.

Use the 2018 Solid Tumor coding rules to determine the number of primaries to abstract and the histology to code for cases diagnosed 1/1/2018 and forward. The Solid Tumor coding rules and the 2018 General Instructions replace the 2007 Multiple Primary & Histology (MP/H) Rules for the following sites **ONLY**:

- Breast
- Colon (includes rectosigmoid and rectum for cases diagnosed 1/1/2018 forward)
- Head & Neck
- Kidney
- Lung
- Malignant CNS and Peripheral Nerves
- Non-malignant CNS
- Urinary Sites

Revision status for remaining 2007 Multiple Primary and Histology site rules:

We are currently working on revisions to the remaining two MP/H site groups. Release date has not yet been determined. The 2007 MP/H and 2007 General Instructions (<https://seer.cancer.govhttps://seer.cancer.gov/tools/mphrules/>) are to be used, with a few exceptions, for cases for the following site groups until instructed to do otherwise:

Cutaneous Melanoma:

Based on the recent WHO 4th Ed Tumors of Skin, we do not expect major changes to the cutaneous melanoma rules.

Other Sites:

The following primary sites are excluded for 1/1/2018 forward:

- Rectosigmoid and rectum which are included in 2018 Colon rules
- Peripheral nerves which are included in the 2018 Malignant CNS rules

We have identified the need to separate select sites into individual modules. These site-specific rules may be individual sections within the Other sites rules, or free-standing modules. The following sites have been determined to need additional rules: GYN, GI (excluding colorectal), Thyroid, Soft tissue/bone, and Male genital.

Download the Solid Tumor Modules

All sections were updated on July 17, 2019.

- Complete 2018 Solid Tumor Manual (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/STM_2018.pdf) (PDF, 5.9 MB)
 - General Instructions (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/General_Instructions_STM.pdf) (PDF, 674 KB)
 - Head & Neck (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/Head_Neck_STM.pdf) (PDF, 561 KB)
 - Colon (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/Colon_STM.pdf) (PDF, 975 KB)
 - Lung (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/Lung_STM.pdf) (PDF, 975 KB)
 - Breast (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/Breast_STM.pdf) (PDF, 1.3 MB)
 - Kidney (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/Kidney_STM.pdf) (PDF, 894 KB)
 - Urinary Sites (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/Urinary_STM.pdf) (PDF, 1.8 MB)
 - Malignant CNS and Peripheral Nerves (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/Malignant_CNS_STM.pdf) (PDF, 1.1 MB)
 - Non-Malignant CNS Tumors (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/Non_Malignant_CNS_STM.pdf) (PDF, 1.2 MB)

Use the 2007 General Instructions, Other Sites and Cutaneous Melanoma for cases diagnosed 2007-2020.

- 2007 General Instructions (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/2007_General_Instructions.pdf) (PDF, 516 KB)
- 2007 Other Sites (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/Other_sites_STM.pdf) (PDF, 662 KB)
- 2007 Cutaneous Melanoma (https://seer.cancer.gov/tools/solidtumor/Melanoma_STM.pdf) (PDF, 666 KB)

Revision History

The change log (<https://seer.cancer.govrevisions.html>) contains updates made in 2019. Please see the 2018 Revision Archive (<https://seer.cancer.govrevisions-archive.html>) for earlier changes.

Histology Coding Clarifications

On occasion, data collection requirements of AJCC and NCI SEER have resulted in conflicting cancer coding instructions for cancer registrars. For more information and specific instructions about reviewing cases already coded, please visit the Histology Coding Clarifications (<https://seer.cancer.govclarifications.html>) page.

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