

**Answers and Rationale
Melanoma**

Case #	Primary	Data Item Name	Preferred Answer	Rationale
Melanoma 1	Is this a multiple primary? Yes/No		Yes	Different laterality (skin, left foot and skin, right thigh)
	Primary 1	Histologic Type	8744/3 Acral lentiginous melanoma	Skin, left foot - Code the most specific histologic term when the diagnosis is melanoma, NOS with a single specific type (“with features of”)
	Primary 2	Histologic Type	8743/3 Superficial spreading melanoma	Skin, right thigh - Code the invasive component when invasive and in situ melanoma are present. Code the most specific histologic term when the diagnosis is melanoma, NOS with a single specific type (“type”)
Melanoma 2	Is this a multiple primary? Yes/No		No	Unknown whether single or multiple melanomas on scalp, default to single melanoma and single primary.
	Primary 1	Histologic Type	8772/3 Spindle cell melanoma, NOS	Skin, scalp - Code the histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code as “type” and “with features” allows inclusion of all terms used to describe tumor
Melanoma 3	Is this a multiple primary? Yes/No		Yes	Different laterality (skin, left back and skin, right back). <i>Note:</i> Upper and lower cannot be used to determine single versus multiple primary.
	Primary 1	Histologic Type	8720/2 Melanoma in situ	Skin, left back - Amended Final Diagnosis supersedes the Final Diagnosis
	Primary 2	Histologic Type	8743/2 Superficial spreading melanoma, in situ	Skin, right back - Amended final diagnosis supersedes the final diagnosis
Melanoma 4	Is this a multiple primary? Yes/No		Yes	Sites with ICD-O-3 topography codes that are different at the fourth digit (skin, abdomen C44.5 and skin, thigh C44.7)
	Primary 1	Histologic Type	8720/2 Melanoma, in situ	Skin, left abdomen - Single histology
	Primary 2	Histologic Type	8761/3 8761/2 Melanoma arising in congenital melanocytic nevus	Skin, left thigh - Single histology – Code the specific type (single histology). Do not code “features of regression” when a specific melanoma is documented
Melanoma 5	Is this a multiple primary? Yes/No		No	Single melanoma
	Primary 1	Histologic Type	8772/3 Spindle cell melanoma, NOS	Skin, left trunk - Code the histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code. Do not code “pattern” for invasive melanoma.

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Melanoma 6	Is this a multiple primary? Yes/No		No	Single melanoma
	Primary 1	Histologic Type	8721/3 Malignant melanoma, nodular	Skin, scalp - Code the specific type of melanoma (nodular). Do not code spindle cell because “variant” is not coded.
Melanoma 7	Is this a multiple primary? Yes/No		No	Two melanomas, same site, same laterality, same histology (skin, left shin). Use multiplicity counter to record number of tumors abstracted as single primary.
	Primary 1	Histologic Type	8720/2	Skin, left shin - Code 8720/2 from final diagnosis. “with evidence of regression” is not coded – was mentioned only in microscopic description.
Melanoma 8	Is this a multiple primary? Yes/No		No	Single melanoma
	Primary 1	Histologic Type	8730/3 Amelanotic melanoma	Skin, neck - Code from the biopsy because it is the most representative specimen. Code the histologic type (amelanotic) when the diagnosis is lentigo maligna melanoma and a histologic type
Melanoma 9	Is this a multiple primary? Yes/No		No	Single melanoma
	Primary 1	Histologic Type	8723/3 Malignant melanoma, regressing	Skin, right chest - Code from the biopsy because it is the most representative specimen. Code regression only when there is no other specific melanoma type noted. There is not a code in ICD-O-3 for nevoid type melanoma.
Melanoma 10	Is this a multiple primary? Yes/No		Yes	Melanomas with ICD-O-3 histology codes that are different at the third number are multiple primaries.
	Primary 1	Histologic Type	8720/2 Melanoma in situ	Skin, abdomen - Single histology
	Primary 2	Histologic Type	8743/3 Superficial spreading melanoma	Skin, back - Code the most specific term when the diagnosis is melanoma and a single specific type