Note: Malignant intracranial and CNS tumors have a separate set of rules.

Do not change the behavior code when during the lifetime of the patient when a tumor(s) progresses from a benign /0 to an uncertain whether benign or malignant /1 behavior.

These rules apply to tumors that occur within the cranial vault or within the spinal canal (reportable)

*Note:* Non-malignant peripheral nerve tumors are not reportable

#### Equivalent or Equal Terms (Terms that can be used interchangeably)

- Tumor, mass, lesion, neoplasm
- Type, subtype, variant

### Definitions

**Benign:** ICD-O-3 behavior code of /0.

Borderline: ICD-O-3 behavior code of /1.

Cerebellum: The part of the brain below the back of the cerebrum. It regulates balance, posture, movement, and muscle coordination.

**Corpus Callosum:** A large bundle of nerve fibers that connect the left and right cerebral hemispheres. In the lateral section, it looks a bit like a "C" on its side.

Different lateralities: The right side of a site and the left side of a site are different lateralities.

Frontal Lobe of the Cerebrum: The top, front region of each of the cerebral hemispheres. Used for reasoning, emotions, judgment, and voluntary movement.

Infratentorial: Tumors located in the posterior fossa, cerebellum, or fourth ventricle.

**Invasive:** ICD-O-3 behavior code of /3.

**Medulla Oblongata:** The lowest section of the brainstem (at the top end of the spinal cord). It controls automatic functions including heartbeat, breathing, etc.

**Meninges:** The three membranes that cover the brain and spinal cord. The outside layer is the dura mater and is the most resilient. The center layer is the arachnoid membrane. The thin innermost layer is the pia mater.

**Mesencephalon:** The region of the brainstem located above the pons.

Nerve sheath: A protective covering around nerves.

**Occipital Lobe of the Cerebrum:** The region at the back of each cerebral hemisphere that contains the centers of vision and reading ability (located at the back of the head).

**Parietal Lobe of the Cerebrum:** The middle lobe of each cerebral hemisphere between the frontal and occipital lobes. It contains important sensory centers (located at the upper rear of the head).

**Pituitary Gland:** A gland attached to the base of the brain that secretes hormones. It is located between the Pons and the Corpus Callosum, above the Medulla Oblongata. Synonym: Hypophysis.

Pons: The region of the brainstem located below the mesencephalon and above the medulla oblongata.

**Progression of disease:** For the purposes of these rules, progression is defined as a change to a more aggressive behavior (Example: a change from /0 to /1).

Spinal Cord: A thick bundle of nerve fibers that runs from the base of the brain to the hip area, running through the spine (vertebrae).

Supratentorial: Tumors located in the sellar or suprasellar region or in other areas of the cerebrum.

**Temporal Lobe of the Cerebrum:** The region at the lower side of each cerebral hemisphere; contains centers of hearing and memory (located at the sides of the head).

**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.

**Transformation:** The histology of a disease process may change over time.

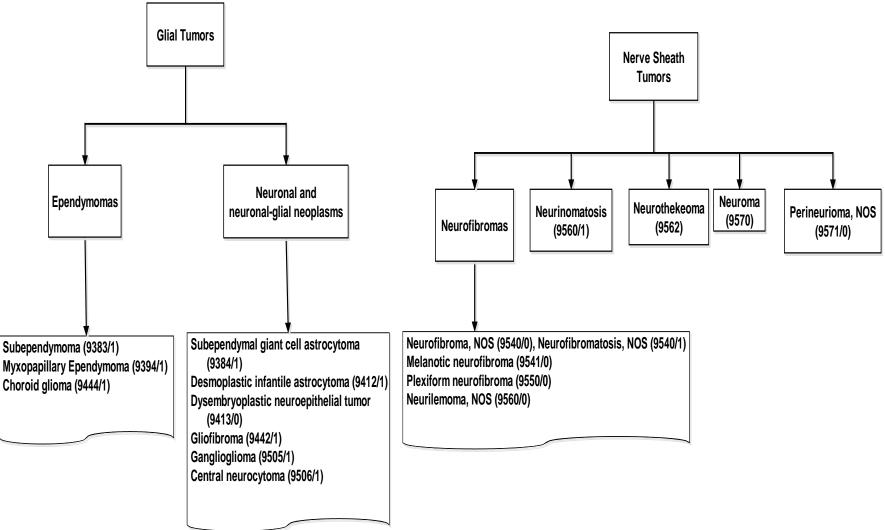
### **Table 1 – Paired Sites**

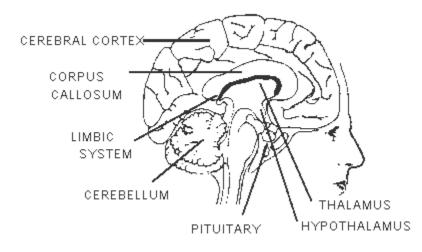
Table Instructions: Use this table to Identify paired sites (Rule M5).

| Column 1:              | Column 2: |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Paired Sites           | Code      |
| Cerebral meninges, NOS | C700      |
| Cerebrum               | C710      |
| Frontal lobe           | C711      |
| Temporal lobe          | C712      |
| Parietal lobe          | C713      |
| Occipital lobe         | C714      |
| Olfactory nerve        | C722      |
| Optic nerve            | C723      |
| Acoustic nerve         | C724      |
| Cranial nerve          | C725      |

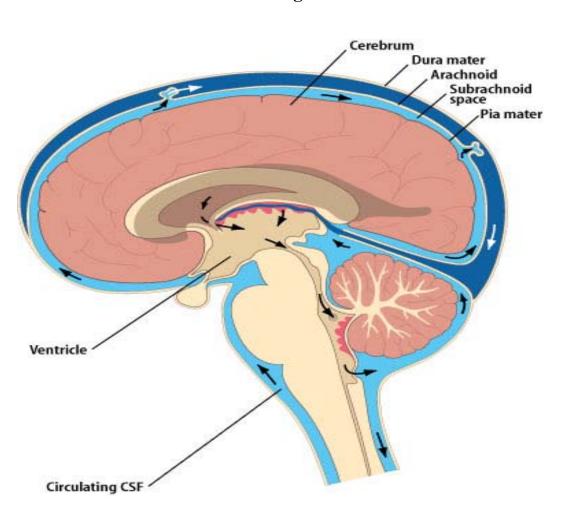
### **Chart 1: Benign and Borderline Intracranial and CNS Tumors**

*Note:* This chart is based on the *WHO Classification of Tumors* of the Benign Brain. Use this chart to determine multiple primaries and to code histology as instructed in the coding rules.





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