Cutaneous Melanoma Multiple Primary Rules – Matrix
C440 – C449
(Excludes melanoma of any other site)

* Prepare one abstract. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code.
** Prepare two or more abstracts. Use the histology coding rules to assign the appropriate histology code to each case abstracted.

Rule	Site	Histology	Timing	Behavior	Notes/Examples	Primary
UNKNOWN IF SINGLE OR MULTIPLE MELANOMAS					Melanoma(s) not described as metastasis	
M1					Use this rule only after all information sources have been exhausted.	Single*
SINGLE MELANOMA					*1:* Melanoma not described as metastasis *2:* Includes combinations of in situ and invasive	
M2	Single					Single*
MULTIPLE MELANOMAS **Multiple melanomas may be a single primary or multiple primaries**					*1:* Melanoma not described as metastases *2:* Includes combinations of in situ and invasive	
M3	Topography codes are different at the second (C**x**xx), third (Cx**x**x) or fourth (Cxx**x**) character					Multiple**
M4	Different laterality				A **midline** melanoma is a different laterality than right or left. *Example 1:* A melanoma on the right side of the chest and a melanoma at midline on the chest are different laterality, multiple primaries. *Example 2:* A melanoma on the right side of the chest and a melanoma on the left side of the chest are multiple primaries.	Multiple**
M5		Histology codes are different at the first (**x**xxx), second (x**x**xx), or third (xx**x**x) number				Multiple**

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M6			More than 60 days after diagnosis	An invasive melanoma following an in situ melanoma	*1:* The purpose of this rule is to ensure that the case is counted as an incident (invasive) case when incidence data are analyzed. *2:* Abstract as multiple primaries even if the medical record/physician states it is recurrence or progression of disease.	Multiple**
M7			Diagnosed more than 60 days apart			Multiple**

M8	Does not meet any of the above criteria				*1:* Use the data item "Multiplicity Counter" to record the number of melanomas abstracted as a single primary.
					2: When an invasive melanoma follows an in situ melanoma within 60 days, abstract as a single primary.
					3: All cases covered by this rule are the same site and histology.
					Rule M8 Examples
					The following are examples of the types of cases that use Rule M8. This is NOT intended to be an exhaustive set of examples; there are other cases that may be classified as a single primary.
					Warning: Using only these case examples to determine the number of primaries can result in major errors.
					  Example 1: Solitary melanoma on the left back and another solitary melanoma on the left chest
					  Example 2: Solitary melanoma on the right thigh and another solitary melanoma on the right ankle
						Single*