Cutaneous Melanoma Histology Coding Rules – Matrix
C440-C449
(Excludes melanoma of all other sites)

Rule	Melanoma Specimen	Histology	Behavior	Notes and Examples	Code
SINGLE MELANOMA OR MULTIPLE MELANOMAS ABSTRACTED AS A SINGLE PRIMARY					
H1	No pathology/cytology specimen or the pathology/cytology report is not available			*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 *2:* Code the specific histology when documented.	The histology documented by the physician
H2	None from primary site			Code the behavior /3	The histology from metastatic site
H3		One type			The histology
H4			Invasive and in situ		The invasive histologic type
H5		Regressing melanoma and a histologic type		*Example:* Nodular melanoma with features of regression. Code 8721 (Nodular melanoma).	The histologic type
H6		Regressing melanoma		*Example:* Malignant melanoma with features of regression. Code 8723.	8723 (Malignant melanoma, regressing)
H7		Lentigo maligna melanoma and a histologic type			The histologic type
H8		Lentigo maligna melanoma			8742 (Lentigo maligna melanoma)
H9		Melanoma, NOS (8720) with a single specific type		*1.* The specific type for in situ lesions may be identified as pattern, architecture, type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____differentiation. *2.* The specific type for invasive lesions may be identified as type, subtype, predominantly, with features of, major, or with ____differentiation.	The most specific histologic term

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H10	None of the above conditions are met				The histology with the numerically higher ICD-O-3 code