# Morphology of cancer code (ICD-O-3) NNNN/N



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## Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Value Domain

METEOR identifier: 399496

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**Definition:** The ICD-O (3rd edition) code set representing the histology and behaviour of

cancer tissue.

### Representational attributes

Classification scheme: International Classification of Diseases for Oncology 3rd edition

Representation class: Code

Data type: Number

Format: NNNN/N

Maximum character length: 5

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** ICD-O morphology describes histology and behaviour as separate variables,

recognising that there are a large number of possible combinations.

In ICD-O, morphology is a 4-digit number ranging from 8000 to 9989, and

behaviour is a single digit which can be 0, 1, 2, 3, 6 or 9.

When the morphology is unknown, record 8000 and the appropriate behaviour code. For example, a tumour of unknown morphology with a behaviour code of "3"

for a malignant primary site tumour would be recorded as 8000/3.

#### Source and reference attributes

Origin: International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, Third Edition (ICD-O-3)

#### Relational attributes

Related metadata

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references:

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Data elements

implementing this value

domain:

Person with cancer—morphology of cancer, code (ICD-O-3) NNNN/N

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