Morphology of cancer code (ICDO-3) NNNN/N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	270756
Registration status:	Health, Superseded 07/12/2011
Definition:	The ICDO (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:

ICDO morphology describes histology and behaviour as separate variables, recognising that there are a large number of possible combinations.

In ICDO, 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.

Record morphology codes in accordance with ICDO coding standards. Use the 5th-digit to record behaviour. The 5th-digit behaviour code numbers used in ICDO are listed below:

0 Benign

1 Uncertain whether benign or malignant

- borderline malignancy
- low malignant potential

2 Carcinoma in situ

- intraepithelial
- non-infiltrating
- non-invasive

3 Malignant, primary site

6 Malignant, metastatic site

- malignant, secondary site

9 Malignant, uncertain whether primary or metastatic site

Source and reference attributes

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

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Has been superseded by Morphology of cancer code (ICD-O-3) NNNN/N Health, Standard 07/12/2011

Data elements implementing this value domain:

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