

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	399496
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 07/12/2011
<b>Definition:</b>	The ICD-O (3rd edition) code set representing the histology and behaviour of cancer tissue.

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">International Classification of Diseases for Oncology 3rd edition</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	NNNN/N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	5

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>ICD-O morphology describes histology and behaviour as separate variables, recognising that there are a large number of possible combinations.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Origin:</b>	International Classification of Diseases for Oncology, Third Edition (ICD-O-3)
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## Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	Supersedes <a href="#">Morphology of cancer code (ICDO-3) NNNN/N</a> <a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 07/12/2011
<b>Data elements implementing this value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Person with cancer—morphology of cancer, code (ICD-O-3) NNNN/N</a> <a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 07/12/2011