

Papillary Carcinoma Coding Guideline – Cases dx 2007+

Rules for Coding Papillary Carcinoma based on Primary Site for Bladder, Thyroid and Breast

1. BLADDER (includes Renal Pelvis, Ureter)—Code 8130

Histology Text	Code	References
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Papillary carcinoma • Papillary transitional cell carcinoma • Papillary urothelial carcinoma • Papillary carcinoma and Transitional cell carcinoma 	8130	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renal Pelvis, Ureter, Bladder and Other Urinary Histology Rules, MPH Rule H4 clarifies that these histologies should be coded to 8130 (papillary transitional cell carcinoma). See also, MPH Rules Table 1-Urothelial Tumors • SINQ 20130197: Histology code 8050 [papillary carcinoma, NOS] should not be used for papillary carcinoma of the urinary system diagnosed starting in 2007. Rule M6 includes this histology (8050) to take pre-2007 cases into consideration.

2. THYROID—Code 8260 or 8340 depending on if only papillary carcinoma OR papillary & follicular identified

Histology Text	Code	References
Papillary carcinoma	8260	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Sites Histology Coding Rules, MPH Rule H14 clarifies that if the thyroid tumor is papillary carcinoma, then code papillary adenocarcinoma (8260) • SINQ 20071036: For cases diagnosed 2007 or later, assign code 8260 [papillary carcinoma of the thyroid].
Papillary microcarcinoma or micropapillary carcinoma	8260	SINQ 20150023: Per the WHO Tumors of Endocrine Organs, for thyroid primaries/cancer only, the term micropapillary does not refer to a specific histologic type. It means that the papillary portion of the tumor is minimal or occult (1cm or less in diameter) and was found incidentally. WHO does not recognize the code 8341 and classifies papillary microcarcinoma of the thyroid as a variant of papillary thyroid and thereby should be coded to 8260. If the primary is thyroid and the pathology states papillary microcarcinoma or micropapillary carcinoma, code 8260 is correct.
Papillary and follicular or papillary with a follicular variant	8340	Other Sites Histology Coding Rules, MPH Rule H15 clarifies that if the thyroid tumor is follicular and papillary carcinoma, then code papillary carcinoma, follicular variant (8340)
Follicular and papillary microcarcinoma	8340	SINQ 20071076: For thyroid cancer only, the term micropapillary does not refer to a specific histologic type. It means that the papillary portion of the tumor is minimal or occult, usually less than 1 cm. in diameter.

3. BREAST—Code 8503 when only one histologic type (papillary carcinoma) identified

Histology Text	Code	References
Papillary intraductal carcinoma	8503/2	MPH Rules, Breast Equivalent Terms, Definitions, Tables and Illustrations, Table 1
Intraductal papillary adenocarcinoma with invasion	8503/3	MPH Rules, Breast Equivalent Terms, Definitions, Tables and Illustrations, Table 2
Infiltrating papillary carcinoma	8503/3	SINQ 20091040: For cases diagnosed 2007 or later, assign histology code 8503 [Papillary adenocarcinoma]. Rule H14 applies. ICD-O-3 code 8050 does not apply in this case. Refer to the numeric listing in ICD-O-3. 8050 is a squamous cell neoplasm. Papillary carcinoma of the breast is NOT a squamous cell neoplasm. It is a neoplasm of the breast parenchyma - ducts, lobules or connective tissue. (Histology code) 8503 is the correct code in this case.