

**Heart Mediastinum C38.0-C38.3, C38.8****CS Site-Specific Factor 1****Grade for Sarcomas**

**Note 1:** Comprehensive grading of soft tissue sarcomas is strongly correlated with disease specific survival and incorporates differentiation, mitotic rate, and extent of necrosis. The grading system of the French Federation of Cancer Centers Sarcoma Group (FNCLCC) is preferred system.

**Note 2:** Record the grade from any 3 grade sarcoma grading system the pathologist uses. Do not code terms such as "well differentiated" or "poorly differentiated" in this field.

**Note 3:** In some cases, especially for needle biopsies, grade may be specified only as "low grade" or "high grade". Use code 100, which maps to G1, or 200, which maps to G3. Codes 010-030 take priority over codes 100 and 200.

**Note 4:** The mapping of grade as shown in this table is used in the derivation of AJCC 7 staging.

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Code	Description	Mapping of Grade
010	Specified as Grade 1 [of 3]	1
020	Specified as Grade 2 [of 3]	2
030	Specified as Grade 3 [of 3]	3
100	Grade stated as low grade, NOS	1
200	Grade stated as high grade, NOS	3
988	Not applicable: Information not collected for this case (May include cases converted from code 888 used in CSv1 for "Not applicable" or when the item was not collected. If this item is required to derive T, N, M, or any stage, use of code 988 may result in an error.)	9
998	No histologic examination of primary site	9
999	Unknown or no information Not documented in patient record	9

**Pleura C38.4****CS Site-Specific Factor 1****Pleural Effusion**

**Note 1:** One of the most common symptoms of mesothelioma is a pleural effusion, or an accumulation of fluid between the parietal pleura (the pleura covering the chest wall and diaphragm) and the visceral pleura (the pleura covering the lungs). Record the absence or presence of pleural effusion and specifically, if present, whether the pleural effusion is non-malignant, malignant, or NOS.

**Note 2:** If imaging indicates a pleural effusion but pleural fluid cytology is described as negative for malignant cells, assign code 010.

**Note 3:** If pleural fluid cytology is described as suspicious/suspicious for mesothelioma, assign code 020.

**Note 4:** If pleural fluid cytology is described as atypical/atypical mesothelial cells (not specifically non-malignant or malignant), assign code 030.

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Code	Description
000	No pleural effusion
010	Pleural effusion, non-malignant (negative)
020	Pleural effusion, malignant (positive)
030	Pleural effusion, NOS
988	Not applicable: Information not collected for this case (If this item is required by your standard setter, use of code 988 will result in an edit error.)
999	Unknown if pleural effusion Not documented in patient record