

Appendix B SNOMED codes

Topographical codes (T) and morphological codes (M)

Topographical codes are used in SNOMED 2 and SNOMED 3 to indicate the site of lesions and morphological codes (M) are used to indicate the morphological diagnosis.

Common topography and morphology codes are given in Table 3 below, although the list is not exhaustive.

SNOMED versions

Different versions of SNOMED are in use and are compared in Table 3 below. For the sites and disease entities applicable to the current dataset, the older coding systems known as SNOMED 2 and SNOMED 3 (including version 3.5, its most recent update released in 1998) use slightly different codes (shown in the 2 left-hand columns of the table). SNOMED CT, also known as SNOMED International, is the newer SNOMED system. This was first introduced in 2002 with multiple updates (shown in the 2 right-hand columns) and uses different codes from SNOMED 2 and SNOMED 3 (numerical code only is used for SNOMED CT, rather than T and M codes followed by a number).

Table 3: A comparison of SNOMED 2 or 3 with SNOMED CT codes.

Topographical codes	SNOMED 2	SNOMED 3	SNOMED CT terminology	SNOMED CT code
Prostate	T-77100	T-92000	Prostatic structure (body structure)	41216001
Lymph node		T-C4600	Pelvic lymph node structure (body structure)	54268001

Morphological codes	SNOMED 2 or 3	SNOMED CT terminology	SNOMED CT code
Normal tissue	M-00100	Normal tissue (finding)	30389008
High-grade prostatic intraepithelial neoplasia (PIN)	M-74003	High grade glandular intraepithelial neoplasia (morphologic abnormality)	818948002

Suspicious for malignancy	M-67060	Atypia suspicious for malignancy (morphologic abnormality)	44085002
Adenocarcinoma	M-81403	Adenocarcinoma (morphologic abnormality)	1187332001
Small cell carcinoma	M-80413	Small cell carcinoma (morphologic abnormality)	74364000
Prostatic ductal carcinoma	M-85003	Infiltrating duct carcinoma (morphologic abnormality)	82711006
Adenosquamous carcinoma	M-85603	Adenosquamous carcinoma (morphologic abnormality)	59367005
Sarcomatoid adenocarcinoma	M-85723	Adenocarcinoma with spindle cell metaplasia (morphologic abnormality)	68358000
Undifferentiated carcinoma	M-80203	Carcinoma, undifferentiated (morphologic abnormality)	38549000

Procedure codes (P)

These are used in SNOMED 2 and SNOMED 3 to distinguish biopsies, partial resections and radical resections to indicate the nature of the procedure.

Local P codes should be recorded. At present, P codes vary according to the SNOMED system in use in different institutions.