

## Lymphoma – Coding Specific Histologies – Part Two

### Follicular Lymphoma with designated grade:

- 1 Grades for follicular lymphoma are based on the number of centroblasts per high powered field (HPF). (**SINQ 20130021**)
  - ◆ Number of centroblasts for grade 1 is 0-5
  - ◆ Number of centroblasts for grade 2 is 6-15
  - ◆ Number of centroblasts for grade 3a and 3b is >15 centroblasts.
    - Note: 3a has centrocytes and 3b has no centrocytes.
- 2 When histology is described as “Follicular Lymphoma *low grade*”, this can mean either grade 1, or grade 2. Therefore, default/code to follicular lymphoma, NOS [9690/3]. Note: Follicular lymphoma low grade has been removed from the Heme DB. (**SINQ 20150063**)
- 3 Code histology for follicular lymphoma, *high grade*, to 9698/3 [follicular lymphoma, grade 3]. (**SINQ20130102**)
- 4 For follicular lymphoma, when there is a grade such as 1-2 indicated, code the histology associated with the higher grade disease process, even though the lower grade histology code is higher. (**SINQ 20130065**)

### Composite Lymphoma

- 1 Composite lymphoma is the **simultaneous** occurrence of more than one lymphoma histology in the same location. Do not query the Heme DB Multiple Primaries Calculator in this situation.

**Heme Manual Rule M4:** Abstract a single primary when two or more types of non-Hodgkin lymphoma are simultaneously present in the same anatomic location.

See Rules PH11 & PH15 for assigning site and histology.

Examples:

Follicular and CLL/SLL – **SINQ 20130129**

DLBCL and Follicular – **SINQ 20140017**

**Heme Manual Rule M5:** Abstract a single primary when both Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin Lymphoma are simultaneously present in the same anatomic location(s).

See Rule PH14 for information regarding primary site and histology

Example:

Hodgkin & EBV + DLBCL- **SINQ 20100077**

