

**Coding Guidelines  
ESOPHAGUS  
C150-C155, C158-C159**

**Primary Site**

There are two systems that divide the esophagus into three subsites. The first system divides the esophagus into the upper third, middle third, and lower third. The second system describes the subsites as the cervical esophagus, the thoracic esophagus and the abdominal esophagus. The subsites for these two different systems are not identical. Assign the ICD-O-3 topography code that describes the primary site documented in the medical record. See the following image for an illustration of both systems.

**MEASUREMENTS OF THE ESOPHAGUS  
(FROM THE INCISORS TO THE STOMACH)**

