

Coding Guidelines

Pancreas C250–C259

Primary Site

Assign the code for the point of origin, i.e., where the primary tumor arose. This applies to all pancreas tumors including NETs.

C250 Head of pancreas
Genu of pancreas
Uncinate of pancreas

C251 Body of pancreas

C252 Tail of pancreas

C253 Pancreatic duct
Duct of Santorini
Duct of Wirsung

C254 Islets of Langerhans*
Endocrine pancreas
Islands of Langerhans

C257 Other specified parts of pancreas
Neck of pancreas^

C258 Overlapping lesion of pancreas
A tumor that overlaps the boundaries of two or more subcategories and whose **point of origin cannot be determined**.

C259 Pancreas, NOS

*For tumors of the islet cells, determine which subsite of the pancreas is involved and use that primary site code. Use the general code for Islets of Langerhans, C254, when the subsite cannot be determined.

^Pancreas body vs. neck: the neck is a thin section of the pancreas located between the head and the body.

