

## ICD-O-3 Quiz

Choose the one best answer for each of the following:

1. **For more than twenty-five years, which of the following publications has been the standard by which neoplasms have been coded throughout the world?**
  - A. *International Classification of Diseases (ICD), Ninth Revision*
  - B. *International Histological Classification of Tumours (IHCT), Second Edition*
  - C. *International Classification of Diseases for Oncology (ICD-O)*
  - D. *International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ISCDRHP)*
  
2. **ICD-O-3 will be implemented in North America effective with cases diagnosed on or after what date?**
  - A. November 10, 2000
  - B. January 1, 2001
  - C. December 31, 2000
  - D. January 1, 2002
  
3. **What is perhaps the most important change between ICD-0-2 and ICD-0-3?**
  - A. Some ICD-O-2 morphology terms have new codes in ICD-O-3
  - B. There are new synonyms for existing codes
  - C. A small number of disease entities have changed behavior codes
  - D. More than 200 terms and synonyms were added to the leukemia and lymphoma section
  
4. **In ICD-O-3, some terms which are now considered obsolete have been marked as “[obs]”. In many cases, obsolete terms which had specific codes in ICD-O-2 have been**
  - A. Left unchanged in ICD-O-3 so historical data will not be affected
  - B. Deleted in ICD-O-3 because they are obsolete
  - C. Moved to the “Not Otherwise Specified” category for the disease
  - D. Assigned new codes, but the old codes are retained in parentheses
  
5. **The coding rules in ICD-O-3 have been**
  - A. Rewritten
  - B. Clarified
  - C. Made more user-friendly
  - D. All of the above

**6. The matrix principle is the rule that says**

- A. The behavior code of a reported diagnosis should never be changed regardless of the terminology used by the pathologist
- B. The behavior codes /0 (benign) and /1 (borderline) are problematic and the matrix in the introduction section of ICD-O-3 should be consulted
- C. The behavior code as reported in the microscopic section of the pathology report takes precedence over that which is stated in the final diagnosis section
- D. The behavior code of a reported diagnosis may be changed so that it truly reflects what the pathologist describes as the behavior

**7. Which of the following statements is true?**

- A. Pathologists use the term “grade” as a synonym for “type” or “category.” Registrars, however, recognize the term “grade” as an indicator of cell differentiation.
- B. Although registrars continue to use the term “grade” as an indication of cell differentiation, cell differentiation is no longer an important concept in ICD-O-3.
- C. It is no longer important to recognize when the term “grade” refers to category or when it refers to biologic activity because they are one in the same.
- D. Registrars consider the term “grade” as a synonym for “type” or “category.” Pathologists, however, always use the term “grade” as an indicator of cell differentiation.

**8. In 1998, the World Health Organization and the International Society of Urologic Pathologists published a consensus paper describing the preferred terminology for tumors of which of the following anatomic site?**

- A. Kidney
- B. Prostate
- C. Bladder
- D. Urethra

**9. The Uniform Data Standards Committee of the North American Association of Central Cancer Registries has approved two new data fields in response to the implementation of ICD-O-3. The two new fields are:**

- A. “histologic type ICD-O-3” and “ICD-O-3 conversion code”
- B. “histologic type ICD-O-2 code” and “ICD-O-3 code”
- C. “histologic type ICD-O-2 code” and “ICD-O-3 conversion code”
- D. “histologic text” and “ICD-O-3 conversion code”

**10. During the conversion from ICD-O-2 to ICD-O-3:**

- A. most terms will copy through without review or change
- B. a few terms will change number during the conversion
- C. a few terms that have been split apart will require manual review of supporting text fields or original documents
- D. all of the above