

## "New ICD-9 Codes Specific for MCC"

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Based on suggestions from other MMIG group members, Drs. Iyer & Nghiem led an effort in 2008-09 in which we petitioned the CDC and appropriate World Health Organization entities to create ICD-9 codes that are specific for MCC. Currently, MCC is coded with malignant neoplasms of skin (173.x) which includes BCC and dozens of other skin cancers. This petition was reviewed in a variety of steps in 2008 and then at a formal meeting in January 2009 in Maryland where it was accepted. We were particularly pleased that they granted EIGHT CODES specific to MCC as summarized below. These codes are similar in nature to those for melanoma. **Beginning in October 2009, MCC should be reported using these new codes that will go into the use around the world.** This will greatly improve our ability to obtain insurance approval for procedures for MCC patients, as well as track costs, incidence, etc for this cancer.

ICD-9 CODE	DISEASE
209	Neuroendocrine tumors
209.3	Malignant poorly differentiated neuroendocrine tumors
209.31	MCC, face, ear, eyelid, including canthus, lip
209.32	MCC scalp/neck
209.33	MCC Upper limb
209.34	MCC lower limb
209.35	MCC trunk
209.36	MCC other unspecified sites, MCC genital, buttock
209.37	MCC unknown primary site, Nodal presentation, Visceral metastatic
V10.91	Personal history of malignant neuroendocrine tumor (which would include history of MCC)