

Skin Melanoma – CS Site Specific Factor 1 – Breslow’s Depth of Invasion Coding Guideline <i>Tumor depth is coded in <u>hundredths of millimeters</u> (NOT centimeters).</i> <i>Implied decimal point between first and second digits of the code.</i>		
1. One number expressed in mm (X mm)		
Breslow Value Recorded	SSF1 Code	Comments
3mm (.3cm)	300	Add zeros to far right/end
2. One number expressed in mm and decimal in the front (.X mm)		
Breslow Value Recorded	SSF1 Code	Comments
.5mm (.05cm)	050	Add zero before and after number
3. Two digit number expressed in mm and decimal in front (.XX mm)		
Breslow Value Recorded	SSF1 Code	Comments
.39mm	039	Add zero to far left/front of number
4. Two digit number expressed in mm and decimal in between the 2 numbers (0.X or X.X)		
Breslow Value Recorded	SSF1 Code	Comments
0.3mm (0.03cm)	030	Add zero to far right/end of number
2.4mm	240	Add zero to far right/end of number
4.0mm	400	Add zero to far right/end of number
5. Three digit number stated as 0.XX mm or X.XX mm		
Breslow Value Recorded	SSF1 Code	Comments
0.05mm	005	Record as is without decimal
0.27mm	027	Record as is without decimal
0.98mm	098	Record as is without decimal
1.12mm	112	Record as is without decimal
3.30mm	330	Record as is without decimal
9.80mm	980	Record as is without decimal
6. The actual depth of 9.80 mm or any depth greater than 9.80 mm		
Breslow Value Recorded	SSF1 Code	Comments
9.80 mm (0.98cm)	980	Record actual value
10mm or stated as 1cm	980	Use code 980 if the actual depth is equal to or greater than 9.80mm
7. In situ		
No Breslow Value Recorded	SSF1 Code	Comments
In situ—behavior 2	999	In situ melanomas should not have a Breslow’s depth of invasion, because by definition there is no invasion of the basement membrane. <i>Note: Code 999 is also used for Microinvasion; microscopic focus or foci only and no depth given; Not documented in patient record; Unknown; depth not stated</i>
8. Use of Code 000		
No Breslow Value Recorded	SSF1 Code	Comments
No tumor found, dx by metastatic melanoma disease—C44.9	000	If mets are identified and the primary is stated to be a melanoma and no skin melanomas are found, then code 000.