

Diagnosis not elsewhere classified (Non-core)

Reason/Evidentiary Support

In the event that *all diagnostic information is present* but the tumour still does not meet criteria for an entity defined by the 2016 WHO classification (e.g., a paediatric diffuse glioma that does not harbour IDH or H3 mutations), a “descriptive” or NEC (not elsewhere classified) diagnosis can be issued, which draws attention to the unusual nature of the lesion. Such designations are distinct from NOS diagnoses, which are included in the 2016 WHO classification and which are cases in which necessary diagnostic information is not available.¹

References

- 1 Louis DN, Wesseling P, Paulus W, Giannini C, Batchelor TT, Cairncross JG, Capper D, Figarella-Branger D, Lopes MB, Wick W and van den Bent M (2018). cIMPACT-NOW update 1: Not Otherwise Specified (NOS) and Not Elsewhere Classified (NEC). *Acta Neuropathol.* 135(3):481-484.