Oral Cavity
Lip C000–C009, Base of Tongue C019, Other Parts of Tongue C020–C029,
Gum C030–C039, Floor of Mouth C040–C049, Palate C050–C059,
Other Parts of Mouth C060–C069
(Except for M9727, 9733, 9741-9742, 9764-9809, 9832, 9840-9931, 9945-9946, 9950-9967, 9975-9992)

Codes
00 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY

10 Local tumor destruction, NOS
  11 Photodynamic therapy (PDT)
  12 Electrocautery; fulguration (includes use of hot forceps for tumor destruction)
  13 Cryosurgery
  14 Laser

No specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 10–14

20 Local tumor excision, NOS
  26 Polypectomy
  27 Excisional biopsy

Any combination of 20 or 26–27 WITH
  21 Photodynamic therapy (PDT)
  22 Electrocautery
  23 Cryosurgery
  24 Laser ablation
  25 Laser excision

[SEER Note: Codes 20-27 include shave and wedge resection]

30 Wide excision, NOS
Code 30 includes:
  Hemiglossectomy
  Partial glossectomy

40 Radical excision of tumor, NOS
  41 Radical excision of tumor ONLY
  42 Combination of 41 WITH resection in continuity with mandible (marginal, segmental, hemi-,
or total resection)
  43 Combination of 41 WITH resection in continuity with maxilla (partial, subtotal, or total resection)

[SEER Note: “In continuity with” or “en bloc” means that all of the tissues were removed during the same procedure, but not necessarily in a single specimen]

Codes 40–43 include:
  Total glossectomy
  Radical glossectomy

Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20–43

90 Surgery, NOS

99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY

Appendix C: Surgery Codes