

## Surgery Codes

### Brain [and other parts of central nervous system] Meninges C700-C709, Brain C710-C719, Spinal Cord, Cranial Nerves and Other Parts of Central Nervous System C720-C729

(Except for M9727, 9732, 9741-9742, 9762-9809, 9832,  
9840-9931, 9945-9946, 9950-9967, 9975-9992)

Do not code laminectomies for spinal cord primaries

#### Codes

00 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY

10 Tumor destruction, NOS

[**SEER Note:** Local tumor destruction, NOS; laser interstitial thermal therapy (LITT) - code 10 if no specimen sent to pathology]

**No specimen sent to pathology from surgical event 10**

Do not record stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS), Gamma knife, Cyber knife, or Linac radiosurgery as surgical tumor destruction. All of these modalities are recorded in the radiation treatment fields.

20 Local excision of tumor, lesion, or mass, excisional biopsy

21 Subtotal resection of tumor, lesion or mass in brain

22 Resection of tumor in spinal cord or nerve

[**SEER Note:** Assign code 20 for stereotactic biopsy of brain tumor]

30 Radical, total, gross resection of tumor, lesion or mass in brain

40 Partial resection of lobe of brain, when the surgery cannot be coded as 20-30

55 Gross total resection of lobe of brain (lobectomy)

**Codes 30-55 are not applicable for spinal cord or spinal nerve primary sites.**

**Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20-55**

90 Surgery, NOS

[**SEER Note:** Laser interstitial thermal therapy (:LITT) - code 90 if specimen sent to pathology]

99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY