

Surgery Codes

Lymph Nodes C770–C779

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

Codes

- 00 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY
- 19 Local tumor destruction or excision, NOS
Unknown whether a specimen was sent to pathology for surgical events coded to 19 (principally for cases diagnosed prior to January 1, 2003)
- 15 Local tumor destruction, NOS
No specimen sent to pathology from surgical event 15
- 25 Local tumor excision, NOS
Less than a full chain, includes an excisional biopsy of a single lymph node.
[**SEER Note:** The use of code 25 in RX SUMM—SURG PRIM SITE [1290] is for a primary in one and only one lymph node. The single involved lymph node is removed by an excisional biopsy only. CDC-NPCR, CoC, and SEER are in agreement on the wording of code 25.]
- 30 Lymph node dissection, NOS
31 One chain
32 Two or more chains
- 40 Lymph node dissection, NOS PLUS splenectomy
41 One chain
42 Two or more chains
- 50 Lymph node dissection, NOS and partial/total removal of adjacent organ(s)
51 One chain
52 Two or more chains
- 60 Lymph node dissection, NOS and partial/total removal of adjacent organ(s) PLUS splenectomy
(Includes staging laparotomy for lymphoma)
61 One chain
62 Two or more chains

Specimen sent to pathology for surgical events 25-62

- 90 Surgery, NOS
- 99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY