

Surgery Codes

Kidney, Renal Pelvis, and Ureter Kidney C649, Renal Pelvis C659, Ureter C669

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
 - 15 Thermal ablation

No specimen sent to pathology from this surgical event 10–15

- 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
- 30 Partial or subtotal nephrectomy (kidney or renal pelvis) or partial ureterectomy (ureter)
Procedures coded 30 include, but are not limited to:
 - Segmental resection
 - Wedge resection

- 40 Complete/total/simple nephrectomy—for kidney parenchyma
Nephroureterectomy
Includes bladder cuff for renal pelvis or ureter

- 50 Radical nephrectomy
May include removal of a portion of vena cava, adrenal gland(s), Gerota’s fascia, perinephric fat, or partial/total ureter

- 70 Any nephrectomy (simple, subtotal, complete, partial, total, radical) in continuity with the resection of other organ(s) (colon, bladder)
The other organs, such as colon or bladder, may be partially or totally removed
[**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]

- 80 Nephrectomy, NOS
Ureterectomy, NOS

Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20-80

90 Surgery, NOS

99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY