

## Surgery Codes

## Pharynx

**Tonsil C090–C099, Oropharynx C100–C109, Nasopharynx C110–C119  
 Pyriform Sinus C129, Hypopharynx C130–C139, Pharynx C140**

## 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 Stripping

**No specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 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
  - 28 Stripping
- 30 Pharyngectomy, NOS
    - 31 Limited/partial pharyngectomy; tonsillectomy, bilateral tonsillectomy
    - 32 Total pharyngectomy

- 40 Pharyngectomy WITH laryngectomy OR removal of contiguous bone tissue, NOS  
 (does NOT include total mandibular resection)

**[SEER Note:** Code 40 includes mandibulectomy (marginal, segmental, hemi-, and/or laryngectomy) NOS. Contiguous bone tissue refers to the mandible.]

- 41 WITH laryngectomy (laryngopharyngectomy)
- 42 WITH bone [mandibulectomy]
- 43 WITH both 41 and 42

**[SEER Note:** Use **code 40** when the patient had a pharyngectomy and maybe some sort of mandibulectomy and/or maybe a laryngectomy, but the exact procedures are not clear. Use **code 41** when the patient had pharyngectomy and laryngectomy but no mandibulectomy. Use **code 42** when the patient had pharyngectomy and mandibulectomy but no laryngectomy. Use **code 43** when it is known that the patient had both a mandibulectomy and laryngectomy in addition to the pharyngectomy.]

- 50 Radical pharyngectomy (includes total mandibular resection), NOS
  - 51 WITHOUT laryngectomy

52 WITH laryngectomy

**Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20-52**

90 Surgery, NOS

99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY