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