

Surgery Codes

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

(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

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