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