Surgery Codes

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

(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 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