

Surgery Codes

Pharynx

**Tonsil C090–C099, Oropharynx C100–C109, Nasopharynx C110–C119
Pyrimiform 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