Surgery Codes

Oral Cavity
Lip C000–C009, Base of Tongue C019, Other Parts of Tongue C020–C029,
Gum C030–C039, Floor of Mouth C040–C049, Palate C050–C059,
Other Parts of Mouth C060–C069

(Except for M9732, 9741-9742, 9761-9809, 9820, 9826,
9831-9834, 9840-9920, 9931-9993)

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

No specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 10–14

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

[SEER Note: Codes 20-27 include shave and wedge resection]

30 Wide excision, NOS
   Code 30 includes:
      Hemiglossectomy
      Partial glossectomy

40 Radical excision of tumor, NOS
   41 Radical excision of tumor ONLY
   42 Combination of 41 WITH resection in continuity with mandible (marginal, segmental,
      hemi-, or total resection)
   43 Combination of 41 WITH resection in continuity with maxilla (partial, subtotal, or total
      resection)

[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]
Codes 40–43 include:
  - Total glossectomy
  - Radical glossectomy

Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20–43

90  Surgery, NOS

99  Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY