Surgery Codes

Colon
C180–C189

**Code** removal/surgical ablation of single or multiple liver metastases under the data item *Surgical Procedure of Other Site* (NAACCR Item # 1294)

[**SEER Note:** Do not code a colostomy, with no colon tissue removed, as surgery. If colostomy is the only procedure performed, assign surgery code 00.]

[**SEER Note:** Code circumferential resection margin (CRM) (NAACCR # 3823) when assigning surgery codes 30-80. CRM is not applicable for other surgery codes for this site.]

**Codes**

00 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY

10 Local tumor destruction, NOS
  12 Electrocautery; fulguration (includes use of hot forceps for tumor destruction)

*No specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 10 and 12*

20 Local tumor excision, NOS
  26 Polypectomy, NOS
  27 Excisional biopsy
  28 Polypectomy-endoscopic
  29 Polypectomy-surgical excision
  Any combination of 20 or 26–29 WITH
  22 Electrocautery

[**SEER Note:** Code 22 above combines 20 Local tumor excision, 26 Polypectomy, NOS, 27 Excisional biopsy, 28 Polypectomy-endoscopic, or 29 Polypectomy-surgical excision WITH 22 Electrocautery.]

30 Partial colectomy, segmental resection
  32 Plus resection of contiguous organ; example: small bowel, bladder

[**SEER Note:** Code 30 includes but is not limited to the following procedures: Appendectomy (for an appendix primary only), enterocolectomy, ileocolectomy, partial colectomy, NOS, partial resection of transverse colon and flexures, and segmental resection (such as cecectomy or sigmoidectomy). Note that the removal of a short portion of the distal ileum is not “removal of a contiguous organ.”]

40 Subtotal colectomy/hemicolectomy (total right or left colon and a portion of transverse colon)
  41 Plus resection of contiguous organ; example: small bowel, bladder

[**SEER Note:** Code 40 includes extended (but less than total) right or left colectomy. Note that the removal of a short portion of the distal ileum is not “removal of a contiguous organ.”]

50 Total colectomy (removal of colon from cecum to the rectosigmoid junction; may include a portion of the rectum)
  51 Plus resection of contiguous organ; example: small bowel, bladder

[**SEER Note:** Removal of a short portion of the distal ileum is not “removal of a contiguous organ.”]
60  Total proctocolectomy (removal of colon from cecum to the rectosigmoid junction, including the entire rectum)

[SEER Note: Commonly used for familial polyposis or polyposis coli.]

61  Plus resection of contiguous organ; example: small bowel, bladder

[SEER Note: Removal of a short portion of the distal ileum is not “removal of a contiguous organ.”]

70  Colectomy or coloproctectomy with resection of contiguous organ(s), NOS (where there is not enough information to code 32, 41, 51, or 61)

   Code 70 includes: Any colectomy (partial, hemicolectomy, or total) WITH a resection of any other organs in continuity with the primary site. Other organs may be partially or totally removed. Other organs may include, but are not limited to, oophorectomy, partial proctectomy, rectal mucosectomy, or pelvic exenteration.

[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  Colectomy, NOS

Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20-80

90  Surgery, NOS

99  Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY