Surgery Codes

Kidney, Renal Pelvis, and Ureter
Kidney C649, Renal Pelvis C659, Ureter C669

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

Appendix C: Surgery Codes
Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20-80

90   Surgery, NOS

99   Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY