

## Surgery Codes

### Lymph Nodes C770–C779

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00 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY

19 Local tumor destruction or excision, NOS

**Unknown whether a specimen was sent to pathology for surgical events coded to 19 (principally for cases diagnosed prior to January 1, 2003)**

15 Local tumor destruction, NOS

**No specimen sent to pathology from surgical event 15**

25 Local tumor excision, NOS

Less than a full chain, includes an excisional biopsy of a single lymph node.

[**SEER Note:** The use of code 25 in *RX SUMM—SURG PRIM SITE* [NAACCR # 1290] is for a primary in one and only one lymph node. The single involved lymph node is removed by an excisional biopsy only. CDC-NPCR, CoC, and SEER are in agreement on the wording of code 25.]

30 Lymph node dissection, NOS

31 One chain

32 Two or more chains

40 Lymph node dissection, NOS PLUS splenectomy

41 One chain

42 Two or more chains

50 Lymph node dissection, NOS and partial/total removal of adjacent organ(s)

51 One chain

52 Two or more chains

60 Lymph node dissection, NOS and partial/total removal of adjacent organ(s) PLUS splenectomy  
(Includes staging laparotomy for lymphoma)

61 One chain

62 Two or more chains

#### **Specimen sent to pathology for surgical events 25-62**

90 Surgery, NOS

99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY