Surgery Codes

Lymph Nodes
C770–C779

Codes

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