

## 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**

#### 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