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