Surgery Codes

Pharynx
Tonsil C090–C099, Oropharynx C100–C109, Nasopharynx C110–C119
Pyriform Sinus C129, Hypopharynx C130–C139, Pharynx C140

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  Stripping

No specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 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
   28  Stripping

30  Pharyngectomy, NOS
   31  Limited/partial pharyngectomy; tonsillectomy, bilateral tonsillectomy
   32  Total pharyngectomy

40  Pharyngectomy WITH laryngectomy OR removal of contiguous bone tissue, NOS
   (does NOT include total mandibular resection)
   [SEER Note: Code 40 includes mandibulectomy (marginal, segmental, hemi-, and/or laryngectomy) NOS. Contiguous bone tissue refers to the mandible.]
   41  WITH laryngectomy (laryngopharyngectomy)
   42  WITH bone [mandibulectomy]
   43  WITH both 41 and 42
   [SEER Note: Use code 40 when the patient had a pharyngectomy and maybe some sort of mandibulectomy and/or maybe a laryngectomy, but the exact procedures are not clear. Use code 41 when the patient had pharyngectomy and laryngectomy but no mandibulectomy. Use code 42 when the patient had pharyngectomy and mandibulectomy but no laryngectomy. Use code 43 when it is known that the patient had both a mandibulectomy and laryngectomy in addition to the pharyngectomy.]

50  Radical pharyngectomy (includes total mandibular resection), NOS
   51  WITHOUT laryngectomy
52 WITH laryngectomy

Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20-52

90 Surgery, NOS

99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY