Surgery Codes

Skin
C440–C449

All 2023 site specific surgery codes begin with a letter A except for skin which start with a letter B to indicate a significant change in coding.

The priority order for sources used to assign surgery codes is:
Do not code based on margin status documented in the pathology report.

Codes

B000 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY

B100 Local tumor destruction, NOS
   B110 Photodynamic therapy (PDT)
   B120 Electrocautery; fulguration (includes use of hot forceps for tumor destruction)
   B130 Cryosurgery
   B140 Laser

[SEER Note: No specimen sent to pathology from surgical events B100–B140.]

B200 Local tumor excision, NOS; Excisional biopsy, NOS
   B220 Shave biopsy, NOS
   B230 Punch biopsy, NOS
   B240 Elliptical biopsy (aka fusiform)

B300 Mohs surgery, NOS
   B310 Mohs surgery performed on the same day (all Mohs procedures performed during the same day)
   B320 Mohs surgery performed on different days (slow Mohs)(each Mohs procedure performed on different day)

B500 Biopsy (NOS) of primary tumor followed by wide excision of the lesion; Wide Excision NOS, Re-excision
   B510 Incisional biopsy followed by wide excision
   B520 Shave biopsy followed by wide excision
   B530 Punch biopsy followed by wide excision
   B540 Elliptical biopsy (aka fusiform) followed by wide excision

Note: An incisional biopsy would be a needle or core biopsy of the primary tumor. An incisional biopsy would be coded as a Surgical Diagnostic and Staging Procedure (NAACCR #1350).

B600 Major amputation

[SEER Note: Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events B200-B600.]
B900 Surgery, NOS

B990 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY