

Surgery Codes

Brain [and other parts of central nervous system]

Meninges C700-C709

Brain C710-C719

Spinal Cord, Cranial Nerves and Other Parts of Central Nervous System C720-C729

Do not code laminectomies for spinal cord primaries.

Codes

A000 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY

A100 Tumor destruction, NOS

[SEER Note: Local tumor destruction, NOS; laser interstitial thermal therapy (LITT) - code A100 if no specimen sent to pathology.]

No specimen sent to pathology from surgical event A100

Do not record stereotactic radiosurgery (SRS), Gamma knife, Cyber knife, or Linac radiosurgery as surgical tumor destruction. All of these modalities are recorded in the radiation treatment fields.

A200 Local excision of tumor, lesion, or mass, excisional biopsy

A210 Subtotal resection of tumor, lesion or mass in brain

A220 Resection of tumor in spinal cord or nerve

[SEER Note: Do not assign code A200 for stereotactic biopsy of brain tumor. This does not qualify as a surgical procedure. SEER no longer records this information under Surgery of Primary Site.]

A300 Radical, total, gross resection of tumor, lesion or mass in brain

A400 Partial resection of lobe of brain, when the surgery cannot be coded as A200-A300

A550 Gross total resection of lobe of brain (lobectomy)

[SEER Note: Brain lobectomies are rarely performed for the treatment of brain tumors. In most cases, only the tumor is removed (codes A300 and below), rather than an entire lobe of the brain. Before assigning codes A400 or A550, confirm that a lobe of the brain—not just the tumor tissue—was removed.]

Codes A300-A550 are not applicable for spinal cord or spinal nerve primary sites.

Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events A200-A550

A900 Surgery, NOS

[SEER Note: Laser interstitial thermal therapy (LITT) - code A900 if specimen sent to pathology.]

A990 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY