

Surgery Codes

Skin C440–C449

The **priority order** for sources used to assign surgery codes is

- Operative report
- Statement from a physician
- Description of the surgical procedure on a pathology report
- Results of the pathology report

Code based on the description of the procedure.

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)

Note: Elliptical/fusiform excisions are eye shape excisions around the circle outlining the amount of normal skin to take during the excision and are performed to allow for a better-looking scar.

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 Amputation

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

B900 Surgery, NOS

B990 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY