

Surgery Codes

SKIN

C44.0-C44.9

(Except for M-9750, 9760-9764, 9800-9820, 9826, 9831-9920, 9931-9964, 9980-9989)

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 ablation

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
[SEER Guideline: the following codes INCLUDE local tumor excision, polypectomy or excisional biopsy]

 - 21 Photodynamic therapy (PDT)
 - 22 Electrocautery
 - 23 Cryosurgery
 - 24 Laser ablation - 25 Laser excision
- Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20-27.**
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- 30 Biopsy of primary tumor followed by a gross excision of the lesion (does not have to be done under the same anesthesia)
 - 31 Shave biopsy followed by a gross excision of the lesion
 - 32 Punch biopsy followed by a gross excision of the lesion
 - 33 Incisional biopsy followed by a gross excision of the lesion
 - 34 Mohs surgery, NOS
 - 35 Mohs with 1-cm margin or less
 - 36 Mohs with more than 1-cm margin
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- 45 Wide excision or reexcision of lesion or minor (local) amputation with margins more than 1 cm, NOS. Margins MUST be microscopically negative. [formerly SEER code 40 or 50 = wide excision or reexcision of lesion or minor (local) amputation, NOS, margins of excision are 1 cm or more, margins may be microscopically involved]
 - 46 WITH margins more than 1 cm and less than 2 cm
 - 47 WITH margins greater than 2 cm
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- 60 Major amputation [NOS]
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- 90 Surgery, NOS
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- 99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY

Surgery Codes

BREAST

C50.0-C50.9

(Except for M-9750, 9760-9764, 9800-9820, 9826, 9831-9920, 9931-9964, 9980-9989)

Codes

- 00 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY
- 19 Local tumor destruction, NOS
No specimen was sent to pathology for surgical events coded 19 (principally for cases diagnosed prior to January 1, 2003).
- 20 Partial mastectomy, NOS; less than total mastectomy, NOS [formerly SEER code 10]
21 Partial mastectomy WITH nipple resection [formerly SEER code 11 = nipple resection]
22 Lumpectomy or excisional biopsy [formerly SEER code 12]
23 Reexcision of the biopsy site for gross or microscopic residual disease [formerly SEER code 13]
24 Segmental mastectomy (including wedge resection, quadrantectomy, tylectomy) [formerly SEER codes 16 = segmental mastectomy, 14 = wedge resection, 15 = quadrantectomy, 17 = tylectomy]
Procedures coded 20-24 remove the gross primary tumor and some of the breast tissue (breast-conserving or preserving). There may be microscopic residual tumor.
- 30 Subcutaneous mastectomy
A subcutaneous mastectomy is the removal of breast tissue without the nipple and areolar complex or overlying skin.
[SEER Guideline: this procedure is rarely used to treat, malignancies]
- 40 Total (simple) mastectomy, NOS
41 WITHOUT removal of uninvolved contralateral breast
43 Reconstruction NOS
 44 Tissue
 45 Implant
 46 Combined (Tissue and Implant)
42 WITH removal of uninvolved contralateral breast
47 Reconstruction NOS
 48 Tissue
 49 Implant
 75 Combined (Tissue and Implant)

A simple mastectomy removes all breast tissue, the nipple, and areolar complex. An axillary dissection is not done.

For single primaries only, code removal of involved contralateral breast under the data item *Surgical Procedure/Other Site* (NAACCR Item #1294).

If contralateral breast reveals a second primary, each breast is abstracted separately. The surgical procedure is coded 41 for the first primary. The surgical code for the contralateral breast is coded to the procedure performed on that site.