

## Surgery Codes

### Oral Cavity

**Lip C000–C009, Base of Tongue C019, Other Parts of Tongue C020–C029,  
Gum C030–C039, Floor of Mouth C040–C049, Palate C050–C059,  
Other Parts of Mouth C060–C069**

**(Except for M9727, 9732, 9741-9742, 9762-9809, 9832,  
9840-9931, 9945-9946, 9950-9967, 9975-9992)**

### 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

**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**

21 Photodynamic therapy (PDT)

22 Electrocautery

23 Cryosurgery

24 Laser ablation

25 Laser excision

**[SEER Note:** Codes 20-27 include shave and wedge resection]

30 Wide excision, NOS

Code 30 includes:

Hemiglossectomy

Partial glossectomy

40 Radical excision of tumor, NOS

41 Radical excision of tumor ONLY

42 Combination of 41 WITH resection in continuity with mandible (marginal, segmental, hemi-, or total resection)

43 Combination of 41 WITH resection in continuity with maxilla (partial, subtotal, or total resection)

**[SEER Note:** “In continuity with” or “en bloc” means that all of the tissues were removed during the same procedure, but not necessarily in a single specimen]

**Codes 40–43 include:**

- Total glossectomy
- Radical glossectomy

**Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20-43**

- 90 Surgery, NOS
- 99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY