

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