SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2012

Lymph Nodes

C770-C779

(Except for M9727, 9733, 9741-9742, 9764-9809, 9832, 9840-9931, 9945-9946, 9950-9967, 9975-9992)

Codes

- 00 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY
- 19 Local tumor destruction or excision, NOS

Unknown whether a specimen was sent to pathology for surgical events coded to 19 (principally for cases diagnosed prior to January 1, 2003)

15 Local tumor destruction, NOS

No specimen sent to pathology from surgical event 15

25 Local tumor excision, NOS

Less than a full chain, includes an excisional biopsy of a single lymph node.

[**SEER Note**: The use of code 25 in RX SUMM—SURG PRIM SITE [1290] is for a primary in one and only one lymph node. The single involved lymph node is removed by an excisional biopsy only. CDC-NPCR, CoC, and SEER are in agreement on the wording of code 25.]

- 30 Lymph node dissection, NOS
 - 31 One chain
 - 32 Two or more chains
- 40 Lymph node dissection, NOS PLUS splenectomy
 - 41 One chain
 - 42 Two or more chains
- 50 Lymph node dissection, NOS and partial/total removal of adjacent organ(s)
 - 51 One chain
 - 52 Two or more chains
- 60 Lymph node dissection, NOS and partial/total removal of adjacent organ(s) PLUS splenectomy (Includes staging laparotomy for lymphoma)
 - 61 One chain
 - 62 Two or more chains

Specimen sent to pathology for surgical events 25-62.

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