

Note: For **Kaposi Sarcoma**, see site-specific surgery codes for primary sites other than C44.

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C44.0–C44.9

(Except for M-9727, 9733, 9741-9742, 9764-9809, 9832, 9840-9931, 9945-9946, 9950-9967, and 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 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

21 Photodynamic therapy (PDT)

22 Electrocautery

23 Cryosurgery

24 Laser ablation

25 Laser excision

[SEER Notes: Code UVB phototherapy for mycosis fungoides primaries under Surgery of Primary Site for skin. Assign code 11 if there is no pathology specimen. Assign code 21 if there is a pathology specimen. Codes 20-27 include shave and wedge resection]

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

[SEER Notes: Codes 30 to 33 include less than a wide excision, less than or equal to 1 cm margin or margins are unknown. If it is stated to be a wide excision or reexcision, but the margins are unknown, code to 30. Code 45 represents a wide excision in which it is known that the margins of excision are greater than 1cm.]

45 Wide excision or reexcision of lesion or minor (local) amputation with margins more than 1 cm, NOS. Margins **MUST** be microscopically negative.

46 WITH margins more than 1 cm and less than or equal to 2 cm

47 WITH margins greater than 2 cm

If the excision does not have microscopically negative margins greater than 1 cm, use the appropriate code, 20–36.

60 Major amputation

Specimen sent to pathology from surgical events 20–60.

90 Surgery, NOS

99 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY