

## Surgery Codes

### Breast C500–C509

Code the surgical resection code for breast primaries performed with diagnosis date of 01/01/2024 or later.

Do not record reconstruction in this data items. See Breast Reconstruction [NAACCR #1335].

If contralateral breast reveals a second primary, each breast is abstracted separately.

#### Codes

B000 None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy ONLY

B200 Partial mastectomy; less than total mastectomy; lumpectomy, segmental mastectomy, quadrantectomy, tylectomy, with or without nipple resection

**Note:** Use code B200 when there is a previous positive biopsy (either core or FNA).

B210 Excisional breast biopsy - Diagnostic excision, no pre-operative biopsy proven diagnosis of cancer

**Note:** Use code B210 when a surgeon removes the (positive) mass and there was no biopsy (either core or FNA) done prior to the mass being removed.

An excisional biopsy can occur when the nodule was previously not expected to be cancer.

B215 Excisional breast biopsy, for atypia

**Note:** Use code B215 when patient has biopsy that shows atypical ductal hyperplasia (ADH), an excision is then performed, and pathology shows in situ or invasive cancer. The excisional breast biopsy for ADH diagnosed the cancer, not the core biopsy.

An excisional breast biopsy removes the entire tumor and/or leaves only microscopic margins.

This surgical code was added for situations when atypia tissue is excised and found to be reportable. Approx. 10-15% of excised atypia are cancer and reportable.

B240 Re-excision of margins from primary tumor site for gross or microscopic residual disease when less than total mastectomy performed

B290 Central lumpectomy, only performed for a prior diagnosis of cancer, which includes removal of the nipple areolar complex

**Note:** Use code B290 when the nipple areolar complex needs to be removed for patients with Paget disease or cancer directly involving the nipple areolar complex.

A central lumpectomy removes the nipple areolar complex, whereas a lumpectomy does not. Central lumpectomy and central portion lumpectomy, central portion excision, central partial mastectomy are interchangeable terms.

B300 Skin-sparing mastectomy

B310 WITHOUT removal of uninvolved contralateral breast

B320 WITH removal of uninvolved contralateral breast

**Note:** A skin-sparing mastectomy removes all breast tissue and the nipple areolar complex and preserves native breast skin. It is performed with and without sentinel node biopsy or axillary lymph node dissection (ALND).

[**SEER Note:** Code Goldilocks mastectomy in *Surgery of Primary Site 2023* (NAACCR #1291). Breast surgery codes B300, B310, and B320 are the best available choices for "Goldilocks" mastectomy. It is essentially a skin-sparing mastectomy with breast reconstruction. The choice between codes in the B300-B320 range and codes in the B400-B420 range depends on the extent of the breast removal and the contralateral breast removal. Review the operative report carefully and assign the code that best reflects the extent of the breast removal.]

B400 Nipple-sparing mastectomy

B410 WITHOUT removal of uninvolved contralateral breast

B420 WITH removal of uninvolved contralateral breast

**Note:** A nipple-sparing mastectomy removes all breast tissue but preserves the nipple areolar complex and breast skin. It is performed with and without sentinel node biopsy or ALND.

B500 Areolar-sparing mastectomy

B510 WITHOUT removal of uninvolved contralateral breast

B520 WITH removal of uninvolved contralateral breast

**Note:** An areolar-sparing mastectomy removes all breast tissue and the nipple but preserves the areola and breast skin. It is performed with and without sentinel node biopsy or ALND.

[**SEER Note:** Code the most invasive, extensive, or definitive surgery in *Surgery of Primary Site 2023* (NAACCR #1291).]

Assign code B510 or B520 if a patient has an excisional biopsy followed by an areolar-sparing mastectomy during the first course of therapy. Code the cumulative result of the surgeries, which is an areolar-sparing mastectomy in this case.]

B600 Total (simple) mastectomy

B610 WITHOUT removal of uninvolved contralateral breast

B620 WITH removal of uninvolved contralateral breast

**Note:** A total (simple) mastectomy removes all breast tissue, the nipple, areolar complex, and breast skin. It is performed with and without sentinel node biopsy or ALND.

Use code B600, B610, B620 if patient had a modified radical mastectomy.

B700 Radical mastectomy, NOS

B710 WITHOUT removal of uninvolved contralateral breast

B720 WITH removal of uninvolved contralateral breast

B760 Bilateral mastectomy for a single tumor involving both breasts, as for bilateral inflammatory carcinoma

A radical mastectomy removes all breast tissue, the nipple areolar complex, breast skin, and pectoralis muscle. It is performed with level I-III ALND.

[**SEER Note:** Assign code B760 for a more extensive bilateral mastectomy for a single primary involving both breasts. Assign code 0 in *Surgical Procedure of Other Site* (NAACCR #1294).]

B800 Mastectomy, NOS (including extended radical mastectomy)

B900 Surgery, NOS

B990 Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate ONLY