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The codes were converted from ROADS to FORDS and that relationship helps to explain the evolution of the codes. The old wording was sometimes a bit hard to make sense of, unless you paid attention to what the items were indented under (note, for example, there were two different "total resections"). The wording for code 20 in FORDS was changed based on early feedback, but we probably should have hammered home all of the meanings a bit harder at the time. The terms used in the FORDS version are consistent with those used for other organs. See the ROADS/FORDS code comparison below.

<b>ROADS</b>		<b>FORDS</b>	
00	None; no cancer-directed surgery of primary site	00	None; no surgery of primary site; autopsy only (no change)
10	Local tumor destructions	10	Tumor destruction, NOS (no change)
20	Excision of tumor, lesion or mass	20	Local excision (biopsy) of lesion or mass (equivalent to ROADS 20-23 and 30-32)
21	Subtotal resection, NOS	--	
22	Partial resection	--	
23	Debulking	--	
30	Excision of tumor, lesion or mass, NOS	--	
31	Total resection	--	
32	Gross resection	--	
40	Partial resection, NOS	40	Partial resection [ equivalent to ROADS 40-43]
41	Partial lobe	--	
42	Partial meninges	--	
43	Partial nerve(s)	--	
50	Total resection	--	
		55	Gross total resection (equivalent to ROADS 50 and 60, referring to total lobe, or lobe plus more; note that 40 was partial lobe)
60	Radical resection	--	
90	Surgery NOS	90	Surgery, NOS (no change)
99	Unknown if cancer-directed surgery performed; death certificate only	99	Unknown if surgery performed; death certificate only (no change)