



Western Australian Coding Rule

0312/04 Dermoglandular flap

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What is the correct code to assign for a dermoglandular flap performed to fill the defect post excision of breast lesion?

A.

Following the Alphabetic Index for ACHI and looking up the lead term 'flap', then 'breast', there are two options:

- -for reconstruction of breast 45530-02 [1756]

Or

- - skin – See Flap, skin, by type

A dermoglandular flap comprises the dermal and glandular portions of the breast and is used for breast reconstruction. A dermoglandular flap includes dermis/skin; however it is not solely a skin flap, therefore follow Index entry 'for reconstruction of breast' and assign 45530-02 [1756]
Reconstruction of breast using flap.

DECISION

Dermoglandular flap of breast should be assigned code 45530-02 [1756] *Reconstruction of breast using flap.*

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