



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0318/14 Cellulitis/abscess due to self-injecting

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Tenth Edition, ACS 1916 *Superficial and soft tissue injuries* provides guidelines for coding infected superficial injuries. WA Coding Rule 0415/05 *Cellulitis/abscess due to self-injecting* is therefore retired.

### DECISION

**WA Coding Rule 0415/05 *Cellulitis/abscess due to self-injecting* is retired.**

[Effective 01 Jul 2017, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 10<sup>th</sup> Ed.]



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## 0415/05 Cellulitis/abscess due to self-injecting

### Q.

In light of the March 2015 Coding Rule 'Cellulitis of an infected blister', should T79.3 *Post traumatic wound infection, NEC* also be assigned with the cellulitis code in the January 2010 CCWA query?

### A.

The CCWA query in January 2010 recommended:

**Query:** What is the correct external cause code for cellulitis of thigh due to self-injecting steroids?

**Decision:** The correct external cause code is W46 Contact with hypodermic needle

Recommendation: Assign codes:

L03.11 *Cellulitis of lower limb*

S70.9 *Superficial injury of hip and thigh, unspecified*

W46 *Contact with hypodermic needle*

Y92.9 *Place of occurrence at or in unspecified place of occurrence*

U73.9 *Injury or poisoning occurring while engaged in unspecified activity*

If there is no cellulitis or abscess documented code T79.3 *Post traumatic wound infection, not elsewhere classified* is required to show that the site is infected.

S70.9 *Superficial injury of hip and thigh, unspecified*

T79.3 *Post traumatic wound infection, not elsewhere classified*

W46 *Contact with hypodermic needle*

Y92.9 *Place of occurrence at or in unspecified place of occurrence*

U73.9 *Injury or poisoning occurring while engaged in unspecified activity*

ACCD Coding Rule March 2015 'Cellulitis of an infected blister' states that T79.3 *Post traumatic wound infection, NEC* should be assigned with a cellulitis code when coding cellulitis of a superficial injury as instructed in ACS 1916 *Superficial injuries*.

To be in line with national advice, we recommend assigning T79.3 *Post traumatic wound infection, NEC* in addition to the cellulitis code in the first example of the above query.

## DECISION

**CCWA decision 'Cellulitis/abscess due to self-injecting' is still current, however we recommend also assigning T79.3 Post traumatic wound infection, NEC in addition to the cellulitis code in the first example of the query.**

[Effective 01 Apr 2015, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 8<sup>th</sup> Ed.]



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## 0110/10 Cellulitis/abscess due to self-injecting e.g. steroid injecting or IV drug use

### Q.

What is the correct external cause code for cellulitis of thigh due to self-injecting steroids?

### A.

Assign codes:

L03.11 *Cellulitis of lower limb*

S70.9 *Superficial injury of hip and thigh, unspecified*

W46 *Contact with hypodermic needle*

Y92.9 *Place of occurrence at or in unspecified place of occurrence*

U73.9 *Injury or poisoning occurring while engaged in unspecified activity*

If there is no cellulitis or abscess documented code T79.3 *Post traumatic wound infection, not elsewhere classified* is required to show that the site is infected.

S70.9 *Superficial injury of hip and thigh, unspecified*

T79.3 *Post traumatic wound infection, not elsewhere classified*

W46 *Contact with hypodermic needle*

Y92.9 *Place of occurrence at or in unspecified place of occurrence*

U73.9 *Injury or poisoning occurring while engaged in unspecified activity*

## DECISION

**The correct external cause code is W46 *Contact with hypodermic needle*.**

[Effective 20 Jan 2010, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 6<sup>th</sup> Ed.]