



Western Australian Coding Rule

0318/58 Booked admission for cardioversion that is cancelled due to patient in sinus rhythm

WA Coding Rule 1112/04 *Booked admission for cardioversion that is cancelled due to patient in sinus rhythm* is retired.

This Rule was for interpretation of the [Admission, Readmission, Discharge and Transfer Policy](#) (MP 0058/17); and coders should be guided by this policy and the supplementary document *Clinical coding guidelines: Admission for elective procedures not performed* (available on the WA Clinical Coding Authority website).

DECISION

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Q.

Patient is a booked admission for cardioversion because of atrial fibrillation (AF), but upon presentation to hospital, the AF is no longer present and cardioversion was cancelled. Would Z03.8 be the principal diagnosis and Z53.8 as an additional diagnosis?

A.

AF is a chronic condition and while a patient can be 'in AF' or 'in sinus rhythm' they still have AF and are still receiving long term treatment for it such as warfarin. So while the patient may not be currently in an AF rhythm they still have AF. This means that Z03.8 *Observation for other suspected diseases and conditions* should not be assigned. Following the cancelled procedures flowchart in the WA Coding Standards, if the patient is already in the theatre or procedure unit and the procedure is cancelled because the patient is not currently in AF, the admission should be coded according to ACS 0011 *Admission for Surgery Not Performed*. Following ACS 0011 in this case, the principal diagnosis should be I48 *Atrial fibrillation and flutter* and the additional diagnosis should be Z53.8 *Procedure not carried out for other reasons*.

DECISION

If a patient is booked for cardioversion for AF and the procedure is cancelled once the patient has reached the theatre or procedure unit, I48 *Atrial fibrillation and flutter* and Z53.8 *Procedure not carried out for other reasons* should be assigned.

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