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Western Australian Coding Rule

0417/06 Intranasal sedation

WA Coding Rule 0916/07 *Intranasal sedation* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Intranasal and oral (transmucosal) sedation*** (Ref No: Q3140) effective 1 April 2017; (log in to view on the ACCD CLIP portal).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0916/07 *Intranasal sedation* is retired.

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CCWA Decision *Sedation other than intravenous or inhalational* 17.11.2010 has now been retired due to the publication of ACCD National Coding Rule *Intramuscular sedation for anaesthesia* June 2016. However, the ACCD Coding Rule does not address intranasal sedation which was addressed in the CCWA decision. Should intranasal sedation be coded?

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ACS 0031 *Anaesthesia* states:
The distinction between sedation and general anaesthesia is often unclear from clinical documentation. For the purposes of classification in ACHI, 92515-XX [1910] *Sedation* **may be assigned where the anaesthetic is administered as per general anaesthesia (i.e. intravenous or inhalational or both)** and there is no documentation of the use of an artificial airway, such as an endotracheal tube, laryngeal mask, pharyngeal mask or Guedel airway.

Therefore, according to ACS 0031 only inhalational or intravenous sedation should be coded.

The ACCD Coding Rule is specific to intramuscular sedation and should not be applied to intranasal sedation.

Intranasal sedation is not the same as inhalational sedation. In intranasal sedation, a mucosal atomiser device is used to deposit medication onto the highly vascular nasal mucosa and it is rapidly absorbed into the blood stream and cerebrospinal fluid. Inhalational sedation involves inhalation of the anaesthetic agent into the lungs through an anaesthesia mask where it is then absorbed into the blood stream.

DECISION

Current ACS and National Coding Advice do not allow for coding of intranasal sedation. A query will be sent to the ACCD to clarify whether intranasal sedation should be coded. In the interim, intranasal sedation should not be coded.

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