



Western Australian Coding Rule

0610/07 Thrombosis in atrial appendage

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Is *I24.0 Coronary thrombosis not resulting in myocardial infarction* the correct code for clot in atrial appendage? The inclusion terms have the terms artery and vein as non-essential modifiers so the clot does not need to be in a coronary artery or vein to be assigned this code.

A.

The correct index pathway to follow is Thrombosis, intracardiac = I51.3. These are clots that are formed due to atrial fibrillation and it is the common reason for transcatheter occlusion of atrial appendage. It is a common mistake to code these to ischaemic heart disease and therefore coronary artery thrombosis.

Please note the exclusion note at I51:

Excludes: complications following acute myocardial infarctions (I23.-)

DECISION

Assign code *I51.3 Intracardiac thrombosis NEC* for thrombosis in the atrial appendage.

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