



Western Australian Coding Rule

0612/04 Divarication recti in pregnancy

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NCCH Query 1181 stated to assign O99.8 *Other specified diseases and conditions in pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium* and M62.88 *Other specified disorders of muscle, other site* for divarication recti in pregnancy. This old advice may or may not have been formally ratified in WA. Is this correct or is this another term for diastasis recti (O71.82)?

A.

The previous advice given by the NCCH (Query 1181) to code divarication recti in pregnancy to O99.8 *Other specified diseases and conditions in pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium* and M62.88 *Other specified disorders of muscle, other site* is no longer correct. Divarication and diastasis are interchangeable terms and refer to the separation between the left and right side of the rectus abdominis muscle.

DECISION

Divarication recti in pregnancy should be coded to O71.82 *Diastasis of recti abdominal muscle in pregnancy or delivery.*

This will be sent to the NCCC to request an index entry for divarication recti.

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