



Western Australian Coding Rule

0719/14 Pancytopenia

ACCD Coding Rule *Pancytopenia* (Ref No: Q2761) was retired on 30 June 2019.

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition (effective 1 July 2017), ACS 0304 *Pancytopenia* was amended to provide guidance on coding of pancytopenia.



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0817/06 Pancytopenia

WA Coding Rule 0311/02 *Pancytopenia* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule *Pancytopenia* (Ref No: Q2761) effective 1 January 2014; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0311/02 *Pancytopenia* is retired.

[Effective 1 January 2014, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 8th Ed.]



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0311/02 Pancytopenia

Q.

The definition of pancytopenia given by ACS 0304 is a combination of three blood disorders: anaemia, neutropenia and thrombocytopenia. ACS 0304 states that *D61.9 Aplastic anaemia* should be assigned for documentation of pancytopenia alone (without mention of specific blood abnormalities). When we see documentation of pancytopenia and one or two of the blood abnormalities, we have been coding the specific abnormalities as well as the pancytopenia code. The reasoning behind this is that pancytopenia is three blood disorders so documentation of pancytopenia should be coded as well. Is this correct reasoning or should we code only the specific blood abnormalities and not D61.9 when we have documentation of pancytopenia and one or two out of the three blood abnormalities?

A.

If only one or two of the blood abnormalities anaemia, neutropenia or thrombocytopenia are documented, code these abnormalities only, do not assign *D61.9 Aplastic anaemia*. A query will be sent to NCCC regarding this. If pancytopenia is due to drugs it should not be coded to Aplastic Anaemia unless specified as such by the treating Doctor.

DECISION

Code out the blood abnormalities that are documented only. If the pancytopenia is due to drugs it should not be coded to Aplastic Anaemia unless specified as such by the treating Doctor. A query will be sent to NCCC.

[Effective 23 March 2011, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 7th Ed.]