



Western Australian Coding Rule

1111/03 Greater than 10 percent weight loss in newborns

Q.

When should >10% loss of birth weight in a newborn be coded?

A.

Weight loss in a newborn of between 5-10% is considered to be normal however >10% is considered to be significant and requiring the introduction of treatment such as supplementation of feeds via expressed milk or formula. The >10% weight loss must be documented by a midwife and met ACS 0002. As there is no specific code in the perinatal chapter for this code the only code option is R63.4 *Abnormal weight loss*.

DECISION

If the condition >10% loss of birth weight is documented and intervention is undertaken then assign R63.4 *Abnormal weight loss*.

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