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Western Australian Coding Rule

1219/04 Adhesions divided during caesarean without labour

WA Coding Rule 1218/01 *Adhesions divided during caesarean without labour* is superseded by ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Coding Rule ***Adhesions divided during caesarean without labour*** (Ref No: Q3423) effective 1 January 2020; (log in to view on the IHPA Australian Classification Exchange).

Note: Q3423 *Adhesions divided during caesarean without labour* was superseded by Q3685 *Adhesions divided during caesarean without labour* (effective 1 July 2021) with addition of an instruction to assign a code for specificity.

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Q.

What diagnosis codes are assigned for adhesions divided during caesarean section when there is no labour (e.g. elective caesarean)?

A.
ACS 1506 *Fetal presentation, disproportion and abnormality of maternal pelvic organs* distinguishes between code blocks O32-O34 and O64-O66 as follows:

- O32-O34 *Maternal care for…*
  where care and/or intervention is required… **before** the onset of labour
- O64-O66 *Labour and delivery affected by…*
  where care and/or intervention is required …**during** labour, regardless of when condition is first diagnosed.

The relevant Index pathway:
Adhesions, adhesive
- peritoneum, peritoneal (male)
--female pelvic
--- affecting
----labour and delivery O65.5
----pregnancy O34.8

Adhesions have potential to complicate caesarean delivery and the Index pathway 'affecting labour and delivery' seems valid, however the definitions in ACS 1506 preclude following this pathway for caesarean without labour, as labour is the key distinguishing factor in ACS 1506.

ACCD Coding Rule Q28340 *Malpresentation, disproportion and abnormality of maternal pelvic organs* advises: *Codes from O64-O66 are assigned when a condition classifiable to O32-34 is first diagnosed during labour OR requires care and/or intervention during labour **because it is considered that the condition has affected the labour and/or delivery.***

There are differing interpretations of Q28340, however a conservative approach is recommended until ACCD clarification is received. Apply: ACS 1506; the Includes note in the Tabular List at O34; and the Index pathway 'affecting pregnancy' in order to assign O34.8 *Maternal care for other abnormalities of pelvic organs*. Assign also the appropriate code for adhesions to add specificity, as per answer in ACCD Coding Rule Q3265 *Additional diagnoses in delivery episodes of care*.

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DECISION

This query will be submitted to the ACCD. In the interim, adhesions divided during caesarean section without labour should be assigned O34.8 *Maternal care for other abnormalities of pelvic organs,* **and the appropriate pelvic adhesion code to add specificity.**

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