



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0426/02 Activity (U50-U73) codes

**Q.**  
In WA, what activity codes are assigned with external cause codes Y35-Y89?

**A.**  
In WA, activity codes (U50-U73) are mandatory with all external cause codes (V00-Y89). Nationally, the applicable range is restricted to V00 –Y34. This WA Coding Rule is required to comply with system requirements – see also WA Coding Rule 0426/01 *External cause, place of occurrence and activity*.

The activity code assigned with external cause codes Y35-Y89 should reflect the activity at the time of the event.

For example, the activity code assigned for:

- an injury sustained from inpatient fall while toileting is U73.2 *While resting, sleeping, eating or engaging in other vital activities*.
- an injury from intentional self-harm is U73.81 *Intentional self-harm*.
- an injury or a condition that occurred while receiving medical care (such as adverse effect of medication or complication of clinical intervention) is U73.89 *Other specified activity, not elsewhere classified*.
- an injury sustained by a health care worker while working in a health service area is U73.07 *While working for income, health services*.

The *Note* at block U50–U73 *Activity* instructs ‘*When multiple codes apply, assign the code appearing highest in the tabular list.*’ A similar *Note* exists at category U73.

**Example:**  
Patient admitted for oral food challenge due to history of peanut allergy. An allergic reaction occurred during the challenge.

Two activity codes are applicable:

- U73.2 *While resting, sleeping, eating or engaging in other vital activities* (while eating peanut)
- U73.89 *Other specified activity, not elsewhere classified* (while receiving medical care).



Assign U73.2 *While resting, sleeping, eating or engaging in other vital activities* because this activity code is highest on the list.

If the specific type of activity isn't immediately obvious during abstraction, assign U73.89 *Other specified activity, not elsewhere classified* as a default code.

## **DECISION**

**The activity code assigned with external cause codes Y35-Y89 should reflect the activity at the time of the event. When multiple activity codes apply, assign the code appearing highest on the list. If the specific type of activity isn't immediately obvious during abstraction, assign U73.89 *Other specified activity, not elsewhere classified* as a default code.**

This WA Coding Rule (0426/02 *Activity (U50-U73) codes*) supersedes WA Coding Rule 0919/01 *Activity (U50-U73) codes*.

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As per the Patient Activity Data Policy (MP 0164/21) Western Australian Coding Rules must be followed.



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## 0919/01 Activity (U50-U73) codes

**Q.**  
Should an activity code (U50-U73) be assigned for all external causes (V00-Y89)?

**A.**  
External cause codes identify how injuries occur or add additional information about diagnoses or effects of treatment.

ACS 2001 *External cause code use and sequencing* instructs that where a condition has an external cause the assignment of a code from V00-Y89 is mandatory. This is primarily applicable, but not limited to, diagnostic codes S00 – T98 and Z04.1 – Z04.5.

Place of occurrence codes (Y92.xx) are mandatory with all external cause codes (V00-Y89) both nationally and in WA.

In WA, activity codes (U50-U73) are mandatory with all external cause codes (V00-Y89). (Nationally, the applicable range is restricted to V00 – Y34). This local rule is required to comply with computer system requirements.

The activity code to be assigned with Y92.23 *Health service area, not specified as this facility* and Y92.24 *Health service area, this facility* is U73.8 *Other specified activity*.

### **DECISION**

**In Western Australia, activity codes (U50-U73) are mandatory with all external cause codes (V00-Y89).**

**The activity code to be assigned with Y92.23 *Health service area, not specified as this facility* and Y92.24 *Health service area, this facility* is U73.8 *Other specified activity*.**

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