



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/22 Mucous cyst of the digit

Q.
What codes should be assigned for excision of a mucous cyst of the digit?

A.
A mucous cyst of the digit is a ganglion cyst usually arising from the distal interphalangeal (DIP) joint of the finger or toe. It is also known as a myxoid cyst or digital mucous cyst.

The ICD-10-AM Alphabetic Index classifies mucous cyst of the finger or thumb as a ganglion (M67.44 *Ganglion, hand*) via Alphabetic Index:

Cyst (colloid) (mucous) (retention) (simple)

...

- digit, hand M67.44

Although there is no specific Alphabetic Index pathway for mucous cyst of the toe, it should be classified as a ganglion. Assign M67.47 *Ganglion, ankle and foot* via Alphabetic Index:

Cyst (colloid) (mucous) (retention) (simple)

...

- ganglion M67.4-

For excision of mucous cyst of the finger or thumb, assign 46495-00 [1474] *Excision of mucous cyst of digit of hand* via ACHI Alphabetic Index:

Excision

...

- cyst – see also *Excision/lesion(s)*

- - mucous

- - - finger 46495-00 [1474]

- - - thumb 46495-00 [1474]

For excision of mucous cyst of the toe, assign 30107-00 [1564] *Excision of ganglion, NEC* via ACHI Alphabetic Index:

Excision

...

- ganglion NEC 30107-00 [1564]



DECISION

For excision of mucous cyst of the finger or thumb, assign:

M67.44 *Ganglion, hand*

46495-00 [1474] *Excision of mucous cyst of digit of hand*

For excision of mucous cyst of the toe, assign:

M67.47 *Ganglion, ankle and foot*

30107-00 [1564] *Excision of ganglion, NEC*

This WA Coding Rule 0725/22 *Mucous cyst of the digit* supersedes WA Coding Rule 0110/05 *Mucous cyst of the digit*.

This Rule has been modified to improve clarity; and to correspond with an update in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition.

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



0110/05 Mucous cyst of the digit

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What codes should be assigned for excision of a mucous cyst of the digit?

A.
Mucous cyst of digit is a ganglion cyst (M67.4x) arising usually from the DIP joint.

Excision is coded 30107-00 [1564] *Excision of ganglion, not elsewhere classified* for mucous cyst of toe or 46495-00 [1474] *Excision of mucous cyst of digit of hand* for mucous cyst of finger.

Always check histopathology - if not consistent with mucous cyst, ganglion or synovial cyst, query it with the Clinician. Please note that this advice pertains to digital mucous cysts only i.e. if not digital code to specific tissue type/site:

Mucous cyst lip = K13.01

Mucous cyst mouth = K09.8

DECISION

Assign M67.4x for mucous cyst of digit. Excision is coded 30107-00 [1564] *Excision of ganglion, not elsewhere classified* or 46495-00 [1474] *Excision of mucous cyst of digit of hand*. Suggest a note on Codefinder™ under M67.4x Mucous cyst of digit – when a note search is done for mucous cyst M67.4 will be found.

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