



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## **0725/26**      **Divarication recti in pregnancy**

WA Coding Rule 0612/04 *Divarication recti in pregnancy* is retired. Divarication recti is synonymous with diastasis recti.



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**Q.**

NCCH Query 1181 stated to assign O99.8 *Other specified diseases and conditions in pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium* and M62.88 *Other specified disorders of muscle, other site* for divarication recti in pregnancy. This old advice may or may not have been formally ratified in WA. Is this correct or is this another term for diastasis recti (O71.82)?

**A.**

The previous advice given by the NCCH (Query 1181) to code divarication recti in pregnancy to O99.8 *Other specified diseases and conditions in pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium* and M62.88 *Other specified disorders of muscle, other site* is no longer correct. Divarication and diastasis are interchangeable terms and refer to the separation between the left and right side of the rectus abdominis muscle.

### **DECISION**

**Divarication recti in pregnancy should be coded to O71.82 *Diastasis of recti abdominal muscle in pregnancy or delivery.***

**This will be sent to the NCCC to request an index entry for divarication recti.**

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