



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/27 **Drainage of abdominal wall abscess**

WA Coding Rule 1010/09 *Drainage of abdominal wall abscess* is retired.

'Abdominal wall' is non-specific documentation that requires clinician clarification. The abdominal wall encloses the abdominal organs and is comprised of skin, subcutaneous tissue, fascia, muscle, and parietal peritoneum.



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There is no index look-up for drainage of abdominal wall abscess. These are the options we have found:

1. 30394-00 [987] *Drainage of intra-abdominal abscess, haematoma or cyst* (30224-01 [987] if percutaneous)
2. 30223-01 [1606] *Incision and drainage of abscess of skin and subcutaneous tissue* (30216-01 [1604] if percutaneous)
3. 30223-03 [1606] *Incision and drainage of abscess of soft tissue* (30224-00 [1559] if percutaneous)
4. 90952-00 [987] *Incision of abdominal wall*

Which is the correct code?

A.

30394-00 [987] *Drainage of intra-abdominal abscess, haematoma or cyst* is not appropriate for drainage of abdominal wall abscess. Check documentation of site and depth carefully to determine whether drainage was of either skin/subcutaneous, soft tissue or abdominal wall.

DECISION

The coder should be guided by documentation in the medical record to determine whether abscess drainage was of skin/subcutaneous tissue, soft tissue or abdominal wall.

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