



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0725/35 Fetal heart rate evaluation in iron infusion episode

### Q.

In planned same-day iron infusion episodes for pregnant patients, fetal heart rate is routinely evaluated by a midwife.

Which criteria in ACS 1521 *Conditions and injuries in pregnancy* are met for fetal heart rate evaluation by a midwife?:

- *Fetal evaluation and/or monitoring are performed*

OR

- *Fetal evaluation and/or monitoring are performed;*  
**AND**
- *Patient is supervised or reviewed by midwife*  
(which equates to **two** or more criteria, resulting in an 'O' code being assigned)

### A.

ACS 1521 *Conditions and injuries in pregnancy/2. Nonobstetric conditions complicating pregnancy* instructs:

*“ A nonobstetric condition is classified as complicating pregnancy when the condition is documented as complicating pregnancy or as indicated by meeting **two** or more of the following criteria ...”*

Clinical advice was sought from health services to ascertain whether obstetric supervision/evaluation **over and above** fetal heart rate evaluation is routinely performed during iron infusion episodes. The advice confirmed that it may not always be routinely required or performed and is dependent on comorbidities and/or complications of pregnancy.

Therefore, fetal heart rate evaluation by a midwife meets only **one** criterion in ACS 1521:  
*Fetal evaluation and/or monitoring are performed.*

Obstetric observation(s) or other documented evidence of obstetric supervision or evaluation is required to meet the criterion: *Patient is supervised or reviewed by an obstetrician/gynaecologist (or other medical clinician responsible for obstetric care), midwife and/or neonatologist.*

Examples of obstetric observations include: fetal movement, uterine activity, PV loss, fundal tone.



See also ACS 1521/Example 8.

## **DECISION**

**In booked iron infusion episodes for pregnant patients, fetal heart rate evaluation by a midwife meets only one criterion in ACS 1521: *Fetal evaluation and/or monitoring are performed.***

**This WA Coding Rule 0725/35 *Fetal heart rate evaluation in iron infusion episode* supersedes WA Coding Rule 0122/01 *Fetal heart rate evaluation in iron infusion episode.***

This Rule has a minor modification to correspond with an update in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth Edition.

Effective 1 July 2025, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 13<sup>th</sup> Ed.

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



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Which criteria in ACS 1521 *Conditions and injuries in pregnancy* are met for fetal heart rate evaluation by a midwife?:

- *Fetal evaluation and/or monitoring*

OR

- *Fetal evaluation and/or monitoring;*  
**AND**
- *Patient supervised/evaluated by midwife*  
(which equates to **two** or more criteria, resulting in an 'O' code being assigned)

### A.

ACS 1521 *Conditions and injuries in pregnancy* instructs:

*“In the absence of specific documentation, a nonobstetric condition is classified as complicating pregnancy as indicated by **two** or more of the following criteria....”*

Clinical advice was sought from health services to ascertain whether obstetric supervision/evaluation **over and above** fetal heart rate evaluation is routinely performed during iron infusion episodes. The advice confirmed that it may not always be routinely required or performed and is dependent on comorbidities and/or complications of pregnancy.

Therefore, fetal heart rate evaluation by a midwife meets only **one** criterion in ACS 1521: *Fetal evaluation and/or monitoring is performed.*

Obstetric observation(s) or other documented evidence of obstetric supervision or evaluation is required to meet the criterion: *Patient is supervised/evaluated by an obstetrician/gynaecologist (or other medical clinician responsible for obstetric care), midwife and/or neonatologist.*

Examples of obstetric observations include: fetal movement, uterine activity, PV loss, fundal tone.

See also ACS 1521/Example 8.



## DECISION

**In booked iron infusion episodes for pregnant patients, fetal heart rate evaluation by a midwife meets only one criterion in ACS 1521: *Fetal evaluation and/or monitoring performed.***

[Effective 1 January 2022, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 11<sup>th</sup> Ed.]

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