



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/37 Follicular lymphoma transformed to diffuse large B-cell lymphoma

WA Coding Rule 0312/02 *Follicular lymphoma transformed to diffuse large B-cell lymphoma* is retired.

Note 2 in ACS 0222 *Lymphoma* is applicable; and was updated in Twelfth Edition for improved clarity.



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What is the correct morphology code for follicular lymphoma transformed to diffuse large B-Cell lymphoma?

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Advice was sought from the Principal Medical Officer at the WA Cancer Registry. Interestingly, it has been identified that the better fit for this case is the diffuse large B-cell lymphoma morphology, even though the morphology for follicular lymphoma is higher. The rationale for this is that there are more identifying descriptors in the M9680/3.

DECISION

Follicular lymphoma transformed to diffuse large B-cell lymphoma should be assigned morphology code M9680/3 *Lymphoma, large B-cell, diffuse NOS.*

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