



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/39 Gluing of gastric varices

Q.

What is the correct code for gluing of gastric varices? Examples of adhesives used include Histoacryl and Cyanoacrylate.

A.

Definitive treatment of gastric varices requires either the endoscopic obliteration of varices or the correction of underlying portal hypertension.

Glues such as Cyanoacrylate are used to obliterate gastric varices. Cyanoacrylate is a liquid substance with the consistency of water that transforms into a solid state when added to a physiological medium such as blood. When injected into a varix, the glue undergoes an instantaneous polymerisation reaction and hardens to a hard substance, thereby plugging the lumen of the varix. This enables rapid haemostasis of active bleeding and prevents re-bleeding.

For gluing of gastric varices, assign 30478-07 [870] *Endoscopic administration of agent into lesion of stomach or duodenum* via Alphabetic Index:

Administration (around) (into)(of) (therapeutic agent) NEC

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- indication

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- varices (endoscopic)

...

- - - gastric (bleeding) (endoscopic) 30478-07 [870]

DECISION

For gluing of gastric varices, assign 30478-07 [870] *Endoscopic administration of agent into lesion of stomach or duodenum*.

This WA Coding Rule 0725/39 *Gluing of gastric varices* supersedes WA Coding Rule 0716/06 *Gluing of gastric varices*.

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

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



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The correct code to assign for gluing of gastric varices is 30478-07 [870] *Endoscopic administration of agent into lesion of stomach or duodenum* by following the Index pathway:

Injection

- varices
- - gastric

to assign 30478-07 [870] *Endoscopic administration of agent into lesion of stomach or duodenum*.

DECISION

Gluing of gastric varices should be coded to 30478-07 [870] *Endoscopic administration of agent into lesion of stomach or duodenum*.

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