



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/40 Attempted hanging without injury

WA Coding Rule 0514/04 *Attempted hanging without injury* is retired.

See lead terms 'Observation', 'Self-harm' and 'Suicide' in the Alphabetic Index.



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Q.

What is the correct coding when a patient is admitted for observation following an attempted hanging with no injury?

A.

A patient may be admitted for observation following a self-harm attempt or may require extra observation after attempting self-harm while an inpatient. If no injury is diagnosed but the event meets the criteria in ACS 0001 *Principal diagnosis* or ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses*, a code should be assigned.

The correct code to assign for an attempted hanging with no injury is Z03.8 Observation for other suspected diseases and conditions. There are a number of index pathways that lead to this code, including:

Observation

- suicide attempt, alleged NEC

Self-harm

- observation following (alleged) attempt

Suicide

- observation following alleged attempt

DECISION

The correct code to assign for an attempted hanging with no injury is Z03.8 *Observation for other suspected diseases and conditions*, followed by the relevant external cause codes.

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