



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/42 *Helicobacter Heilmannii*

Q.

Should *Helicobacter Heilmannii* be coded to B96.81 *Helicobacter pylori* [*H. pylori*] as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters?

A.

H. Heilmannii gastritis is much rarer than *H. pylori* gastritis and usually affects cats, dogs and pigs and is not usually transmitted from animals to people. People that are infected by *H. Heilmannii* are known to develop duodenal and gastric ulcers. 70% of people with this infection have contact with pets. *H. Heilmannii* has susceptibility to *H. Pylori* eradication therapy.

Assign B96.89 *Other specified bacterial agents as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters* via Alphabetic Index:

Bacterium, bacteria, bacterial

- agent
- - specified
- - - as cause of disease classified to other chapters B96.89

DECISION

Assign B96.89 *Other specified bacterial agents as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters* as an additional diagnosis for *Helicobacter Heilmannii*, sequenced after the condition it is causing e.g. gastritis or gastric ulcer.

This WA Coding Rule 0725/42 *Helicobacter Heilmannii* supersedes WA Coding Rule 1209/04 *Helicobacter Heilmannii*.

This Rule has a minor modification to correspond with an update in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Twelfth 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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For coding purposes B96.81 *Helicobacter pylori* [*H. pylori*] as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters is for *H. pylori* and is not assigned for *H. Heilmannii*. Assign B96.88 *Other and unspecified bacterial agents as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters* as an additional diagnosis for *Helicobacter Heilmannii* when it is found in the presence of the above conditions or there is a documented association with another condition following Alphabetic Index pathway:

Infection, infected

- bacterial agent NEC
- - as cause of disease classified elsewhere

DECISION

Assign B96.88 *Other and unspecified bacterial agents as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters* as an additional diagnosis for *Helicobacter Heilmannii*, sequenced after the condition it is causing e.g. gastritis or gastric ulcer.

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