



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/48 Admission for insertion of intraocular lens (IOL) following lensectomy for traumatic cataract

Q.

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A.

For a staged procedure performed for injury, if the injury is no longer current it can't be coded in a subsequent episode. In the query scenario:

- traumatic cataract is no longer a current condition because the lens was previously removed; and
- absence of lens is due to the procedure being staged i.e. absence of lens doesn't meet the definition of sequela in ACS 0008 *Sequelae*.

Assign H27.0 *Aphakia* via Alphabetic Index:

Absence, absent

- lens (acquired) H27.0

DECISION

Assign H27.0 *Aphakia* for admission for IOL insertion following lensectomy for traumatic cataract.

This WA Coding Rule 0725/48 *Admission for insertion of intraocular lens (IOL) following lensectomy for traumatic cataract* supersedes WA Coding Rule 0311/07 *Admission for insertion of intraocular lens (IOL) following lensectomy for traumatic cataract*.

This Rule has been modified to improve clarity; and to correspond with an update in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth 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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Patient had a penetrating eye injury and traumatic cataract. In the initial admission patient had repair of eyeball and lensectomy. They came back a couple of months later for insertion of lens. Is the second admission coded to aphakia with sequelae codes, or is the original injury coded?

A.

Follow ACS 0701 *Cataract*. The admission is for the secondary insertion of an IOL in that the lens was not put in at the time of the initial injury or surgery, but at a later date. Therefore the principal diagnosis is H27.0 *Aphakia*. There is no need to code sequelae codes as the lens was surgically removed.

DECISION

Assign H27.0 *Aphakia* for subsequent admission for IOL insertion following traumatic cataract treatment.

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