



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/50 Intravitreal Avastin injection

Q.

Should intravitreal Avastin injection be coded when performed during vitrectomy or cataract extraction?

A.

Avastin (Bevacizumab) is a monoclonal antibody that inactivates the effects of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF); i.e. Avastin is an anti-VEGF. Avastin is used in the treatment of eye conditions with abnormal growth of blood vessels such as diabetic retinopathy, macular oedema, age related macular degeneration and retinal vein occlusion.

Avastin administration is not a routine component of vitrectomy, cataract extraction or insertion of intraocular lens.

For intravitreal Avastin injection, assign 42740-06 [205] *Intravitreal injection of therapeutic substances* via Alphabetic Index:

Injection - see *Administration*

Administration

- specified site
- - intravitreal (eye) 42740-06 [205]

Note: intravitreal antibiotics are routinely administered during cataract surgery and are not coded per ACS 0016 *General intervention guidelines*.

DECISION

Assign 42740-06 [205] *Intravitreal injection of therapeutic substances* for intravitreal Avastin injection when performed.

This WA Coding Rule 0725/50 *Intravitreal Avastin injection* supersedes WA Coding Rule 0418/05 *Intravitreal Avastin injection*.

This Rule has been modified to correspond with an update in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Thirteenth Edition.

Effective 1 July 2025, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 13th Ed.

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



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When intravitreal Avastin injection is performed, assign 42740-03 [209] *Administration of therapeutic agent to posterior chamber* following Index pathway:

Injection - see Administration

Administration

- - specified site
- - - vitreous 42740-03 [209]

Note: intravitreal antibiotics are routinely administered during cataract surgery and are not coded as per ACS 0016 *General procedure guidelines* and ACS 0042 *Procedures not normally coded*.

DECISION

Assign 42740-03 [209] *Administration of therapeutic agent to posterior chamber* for intravitreal Avastin injection when performed.

[Effective 01 May 2018, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 10th Ed.]