



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/58 Nasojejunal feeding tube

Q.

Which ACHI code is assigned for endoscopic insertion of nasojejunal feeding tube?

A.

Transpyloric tubes (also known as nasojejunal tubes or NJT) are used to provide nutritional support to patients who are unable to tolerate oral or gastric feeding. Insertion of a transpyloric tube involves placing a feeding tube through the nose (or mouth), past the pylorus (opening between the stomach and small intestine) into the small intestine, where the tip of the tube is either positioned in the duodenum or jejunum

(https://www.rch.org.au/rchcpg/hospital_clinical_guideline_index/Bedside_Transpyloric_Tube_Insertion_and_Removal/).

In accordance with ACS 0042 *Interventions normally not coded*, nasogastric tube insertion is normally not coded, and the same logic applies for insertion of a nasojejunal tube. However, when a feeding tube is inserted endoscopically, it should be coded in accordance with ACS 0023 *Minimally invasive interventions/Directive 1.1*.

ACHI does not classify endoscopic insertion of nasojejunal tube.

As a best fit assign:

30487-00 [892] *Intubation of small intestine*

30473-00 [1005] *Panendoscopy to duodenum*

via Alphabetic Index:

Insertion

- tube
- - intestine (bowel)
- - - small (with biopsy) 30487-00 [892]

Gastroscopy 30473-00 [1005]

DECISION

For endoscopic insertion of a nasojejunal feeding tube assign:

30487-00 [892] *Intubation of small intestine*



30473-00 [1005] *Panendoscopy to duodenum*

This WA Coding Rule 0725/58 *Nasojejunal feeding tube* supersedes WA Coding Rule 0612/01 *Nasojejunal feeding tube*.

This Rule has been modified to amend original classification instruction in WACR 0612/01 *Nasojejunal feeding tube*.

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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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0612/01 Nasojejunal feeding tube

Q.

Can you advise the correct code for insertion of a feeding nasojejunal tube performed under GA with a gastroscopy, for treatment of a gastro bronchial fistula?

A.

Insertion of a feeding nasojejunal tube is an enteral tube feeding. There is no index for insertion tube, feeding nasojejunal, only nasogastric. So we go up a level and we have insertion tube, intestine, small, jejunum and we are forced to look at jejunostomy. Jejunostomy feeding takes us to 31462-00 [892] *insertion of feeding jejunostomy tube*. If we look up duodenoscopy with insertion tube jejunum we are capturing the endoscopic part, however it takes us to percutaneous endoscopic jejunostomy [PEJ] when we check the code in the tabular. Both look-ups are directing us to jejunostomy. The classification is being very literal interpreting that there is an opening from the jejunum to the outside of the body - be it via a tube.

The endoscopic pathway must take precedent over the plain insertion. Therefore the correct code, following the endoscopic pathway is 30478-05 [892] even though it is not a true PEJ, the endoscopic insertion of NJ is included in this code, because of the index lookup using duodenoscopy with.

Interestingly MBS item number (31456) gastroscopy and insertion of nasogastric or nasoenteral feeding tube, with a multiple service rule, maps to ACHI as the scope.

DECISION

Insertion of a feeding nasojejunal tube via gastroscopy is assigned 30478-05 [892] Percutaneous endoscopic jejunostomy.

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