



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/65 Insertion of pleural catheter

Q.

What code is assigned for insertion of catheter in the pleural space?

A.

Insertion of pleural catheter is not specifically classifiable inACHI. As a best fit, assign the appropriate code via the following Alphabetic Index pathways:

Insertion

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- catheter

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- - chest (closed) (percutaneous) 38806-00 [560]

- - - endoscopic 38831-00 [549]

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- - - open 38415-00 [549]

DECISION

**For insertion of catheter in the pleural space, follow Alphabetic Index pathway:
Insertion/catheter/chest.**

This WA Coding Rule 0725/65 *Insertion of pleural catheter* supersedes WA Coding Rule 1010/08 *Pleural catheter insertion for administration of pain management*.

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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1010/08 Pleural catheter insertion for administration of pain management

Q.

What is the correct procedure code assignment for fitting of permanent catheter in the pleural cavity for administration of analgesia to the pleural cavity (lung metastases pain)? In the interim we have assigned 38806-00 [560] *Insertion of intercostal catheter for drainage*.

A.

We agree with your code allocation as the index pathway has been followed correctly:

Catheterisation, chest, closed (endoscopic) = 38806-00 [560] *Insertion of intercostal catheter for drainage*.

DECISION

Assign 38806-00 [560] *Insertion of intercostal catheter for drainage* for fitting of catheter in pleural cavity.

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