



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0725/72 Repeat cardiac ablation or cardioversion

### Q.

Is ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation interventions* /Directive 2.2 applicable to cardiac ablation or cardioversion, often documented as “re-do” procedure?

### A.

ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation interventions* states:

*Revision or reoperation procedures are more complex than initial cardiac and vascular interventions. They are most commonly performed for valve replacements, CABGs (coronary artery bypass grafts) and in paediatric procedures such as conduit replacement in congenital heart disease.*

ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation interventions*/2. *Reoperation (redo) for other cardiac and vascular procedures*/Directive 2.2 instructs:

**2.2** For cardiac or vascular reoperations without a specific ACHI code, assign:

- a code for the redo intervention **and**
- 38640-00 **[664]** *Reoperation for other cardiac procedure, not elsewhere classified* to indicate reoperation following a previous cardiac procedure **or**
- 35202-00 **[763]** *Reoperation of arteries or veins, not elsewhere classified* to indicate reoperation following a previous artery or vein procedure.

ACS 0934/Exception 2 implies that reoperation involves re-opening of the operative (i.e. surgical) site, which is reinforced by the ACHI Tabular List *Instructional* notes at 38640-00 [664] and 35202-00 [763]:

Code first: surgical procedure(s) performed

Cardiac ablation is an intravascular catheter-based procedure; and cardioversion is a medical procedure. These are not considered to be surgical procedures for the purpose of ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation interventions*, and therefore Directive 2.2 isn't applicable for cardiac ablation or cardioversion.

### DECISION

**ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation interventions*/Directive 2.2 isn't applicable for cardiac ablation or cardioversion.**



**This WA Coding Rule 0725/72 *Repeat cardiac ablation or cardioversion* supersedes WA Coding Rule 0919/02 *Repeat cardiac ablation or cardioversion*.**

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 13<sup>th</sup> Ed.

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



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## 0919/02 Repeat cardiac ablation or cardioversion

### Q.

Does the ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation procedures* instruction to assign a reoperation code apply to repeat cardiac ablation or cardioversion, often documented as “re-do” procedure?

### A.

ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation procedures* states:

*Revision or reoperation procedures are more complex than initial cardiac and vascular procedures and result in a significant increase in resource consumption. They are most commonly performed for valve replacements, CABGs (coronary artery bypass grafts) and in paediatric procedures such as conduit replacement in congenital heart disease.*

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*Reoperation codes should only be assigned when it is necessary to ‘redo’ or revise the same cardiovascular procedure. These codes are not intended to be used for a subsequent opening of the operative site for treatment of an unrelated condition.*

ACS 0934 implies that a reoperation code is appropriate when there is re-opening of an operative site (i.e. surgical) to revise the same procedure, which is reinforced by the ACHI Tabular List Instruction:

38640-00 [664] *Reoperation for other cardiac procedure, not elsewhere classified*  
Code first: surgical procedure(s) performed

Cardiac ablation is an intravascular catheter based procedure; and cardioversion a medical procedure. These are not considered to be surgical procedures for the purpose of ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation procedures*.

### DECISION

**Cardiac ablation and cardioversion are not considered surgical procedures for the purpose of ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation procedures*.**

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