



Western Australian Coding Rule

0725/80 Vitreomacular traction syndrome

Q.

How is vitreomacular traction syndrome (VMTS) coded?

A.

If detachment is incomplete in a posterior vitreous detachment, it can result in the vitreous pulling on the macula and distorting its normal shape, known as vitreomacular traction syndrome.

As per ACS 0005 *Syndromes*, when there is no single ICD-10-AM code to classify all the elements of a syndrome, assign codes for the patient's manifestations. ACS 0001 *Principal diagnosis* and ACS 00002 are applied to determine which manifestations are coded.

For 'vitreomacular traction syndrome' assign H43.8 *Other disorders of vitreous body* via Alphabetic Index:

Disease

- vitreous, specified NEC H43.8

plus codes for any additional manifestations such as: cystoid macular oedema; macular degeneration, puckering, or holes.

Assign also U91 *Syndrome, NEC* as appropriate, in accordance with ACS 0005 *Syndromes/Directive 1*.

DECISION

For 'vitreomacular traction syndrome' without further specification, assign:

H43.8 *Other disorders of vitreous body*

It is not necessary to assign U91 *Syndrome, not elsewhere classified* in accordance with ACS 0005 *Syndromes/Directive 1*, as this only applies when there are multiple manifestations.

For vitreomacular traction syndrome with multiple manifestations, assign:

H43.8 *Other disorders of vitreous body*

Codes for other manifestations (that also meet ACS 0001 and ACS 0002)

U91 *Syndrome, not elsewhere classified*



This WA Coding Rule 0725/80 *Vitreomacular traction syndrome* supersedes WA Coding Rule 0719/57 *Vitreomacular traction syndrome*.

This Rule has been modified 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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0719/57 Vitreomacular traction syndrome

Q.

What is the correct code assignment for vitreomacular traction syndrome (VMTS)?

A.

Follow Index pathway:

Disease

- vitreous, specified
to assign H43.8 *Other disorders of vitreous body*.

An additional code should be assigned for any macular disease based on clinician documentation or clarification. Examples of macular disease that can occur with vitreomacular traction syndrome include: cystoid macular oedema; macular degeneration, puckering, or holes.

Assign also U91 *Syndrome, NEC* in accordance with ACS 0005 *Syndromes*.

DECISION

For vitreomacular traction syndrome, assign H43.8 *Other disorders of vitreous body*, an appropriate code for any macular disease, and U91 *Syndrome, NEC*.

WA Coding Rule 0718/02 *Vitreomacular traction syndrome* is superseded by WA Coding Rule 0719/57 *Vitreomacular traction syndrome*.

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0718/02 Vitreomacular traction syndrome

Q.
What is the correct code assignment for vitreomacular traction syndrome (VMTS)?

A.
Follow Index pathway:

Disease

- vitreous, specified
to assign H43.8 *Other disorders of vitreous body*.

An additional code should be assigned for any macular disease based on clinician documentation or clarification. Examples of macular disease that can occur with vitreomacular traction syndrome include: cystoid macular oedema; macular degeneration, puckering, or holes.

DECISION

For vitreomacular traction syndrome, assign H43.8 *Other disorders of vitreous body* and an appropriate code for the macular disease.

WA Coding Rule 0709/03 Vitreomacular traction syndrome is superseded by WA Coding Rule 0718/02 Vitreomacular traction syndrome.

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0709/03 Vitreomacular traction syndrome

Q.

What is the correct code assignment for vitreomacular traction syndrome (VMTS)?
Previously I have coded other specified disorder of both sites.

A.

As you have suggested, there is H43.8 for the other disorders of the vitreous. For the macula H35.3 is likely most suitable but without information such as if there is actual macular degeneration, puckering or holes, then H35.8 may be more suitable which includes cystoid macular oedema which can occur in VTMS. The documentation will need to be checked to get the best fit for the macular disease.

DECISION

Code H43.8 Other disorders of vitreous body and H35.- Other retinal disorders (after determining the extent of the macular disease).

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