



Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

Western Australian Coding Rule

0318/07 Drug induced anaemia

WA Coding Rule 1014/05 *Drug induced anaemia* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Drug-induced anaemia*** (Ref No: Q2938) effective 1 July 2015; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 1014/05 *Drug induced anaemia* is retired.

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Q.

What anaemia code do you use when anaemia is documented as being due to drugs: D64.9 or D61.2?

Is this toxic anaemia?

Documentation: "Anaemia due to chemotherapy." No further specificity regarding the anaemia is documented.

A.

There is no specific index entry for anaemia due to drugs. Coding Matters (Vol 16, 3) advises: "coders shouldn't assume all cases of drug induced conditions should be assigned to a toxic code." D61.2 *Aplastic anaemia due to other external agents* should not be assigned for documentation of drug induced anaemia, not otherwise specified. Assignment of D61.2 requires documentation of the term "toxic."

For documentation of anaemia (not further specified) due to drugs, assign D64.9 *Anaemia, unspecified* with an external cause code to specify the type of drug. A more specific anaemia code should be assigned in preference to D64.9 if a specific type of anaemia is documented in the record.

DECISION

This query has been forwarded to the ACCD for guidance. In the interim, assign D64.9 *Anaemia, unspecified* with an external cause code to specify the type of drug, for documentation of anaemia (not further specified) due to drugs. A more specific anaemia code should be assigned in preference to D64.9 if a specific type of anaemia is documented in the record.

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