



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0318/21 Postprocedural blisters due to friction

Follow ACS 1904 *Procedural complications* for classification of postprocedural complications.

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### DECISION

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### Q.

What is the correct way to code blisters caused by friction between dressings and suture lines? This is often documented for patients post knee or hip operations.

### A.

There is no specific Index entry or code for postprocedural friction blisters in ICD-10-AM.

Following the instructions in ACS 1904 *Procedural complications* leads to assignment of T81.8 *Other complications of procedures, NEC* by looking up

Complication

- postprocedural
- - specified NEC T81.8.

According to ACS 1904, an additional code from Chapters 1 to 19 should be assigned where it provides further specificity.

In these cases, an S code for the blisters should also be assigned, such as S70.82 *Blister of hip and thigh* or S80.82 *Blister of lower leg*.

### DECISION

**Postprocedural blisters due to friction between dressings and suture lines should be coded to T81.8 *Other complications of procedures, NEC* followed by an S code to reflect the site of the blisters.**

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