



Western Australian Coding Rule

0319/05 Multiple administrations of chemotherapy with anaesthesia

WA Coding Rule 1018/01 *Multiple chemotherapy under anaesthesia* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Multiple administrations of chemotherapy with anaesthesia*** (Ref No: Q3406) effective 1 April 2019; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 1018/01 *Multiple chemotherapy under anaesthesia* is retired.

[Effective 1 Apr 2019, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 10th Ed.]



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1018/01 Multiple chemotherapy under anaesthesia

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Does the ACS 0044 Chemotherapy instruction “*when a patient receives pharmacotherapy a number of times during an episode of care and the same procedure code applies, assign the procedure code **only once***” apply for chemotherapy administered multiple times under cerebral anaesthesia?

A.

It is noted there is no specific instruction in the Australian Coding Standards for the scenario of chemotherapy administered multiple times (via the same route) under anaesthesia. This query will be sent to the ACCD.

In the interim, a conservative approach should be taken and the chemotherapy procedure code assigned once only, followed by multiple anaesthesia codes. This is in accordance with ACS 0020 Bilateral/multiple procedures and ACS 0042 *Procedures normally not coded* which direct the coder back to ACS 0044 *Chemotherapy* for guidelines on chemotherapy coding.

Example: Patient admitted for multi-day chemotherapy. Patient receives intrathecal administration of chemotherapy three times during the admission, all performed under sedation (ASA 99). Codes assigned:

96198-00 [1920] Intrathecal administration of pharmacological agent, antineoplastic agent.

92515-99 [1910] Sedation, ASA 99

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Note: ACS 0229 Radiotherapy instructs: “*When the radiotherapy is performed under cerebral anaesthesia, the procedure should be coded as many times as it is performed*”

However this instruction should not be applied generally as it is specific to radiotherapy only.

DECISION

Chemotherapy administered multiple times (via the same route) under cerebral anaesthesia, should be assigned one chemotherapy procedure code followed by multiple anaesthesia codes. A query will be submitted to ACCD.

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