



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

Western Australian Coding Rule

0320/04 Ligament Augmentation and Reconstruction System (LARS)

WA Coding Rule 1218/03 *LARS gluteal tendon repair and reinforcement/reconstruction* is superseded by ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Coding Rule **Ligament Augmentation and Reconstruction System (LARS)** (Ref No: Q3466) effective 1 April 2020; (log in to view on the [IHPA Australian Classification Exchange](#)).



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1218/03 LARS gluteal tendon reconstruction (repair and reinforcement)

Q.

What code/s are assigned for gluteal tendon LARS reconstruction?

A.

Gluteal tendon LARS reconstruction involves repair of gluteal tendon tear by transosseous or bone anchor suture technique performed with synthetic scaffold augmentation/reinforcement with a Ligament Augmentation & Reconstruction System (LARS). The LARS ligament is stitched to the torn tendon(s) (gluteus minimus and/or medius), and the LARS is pulled through a drilled bone tunnel and sutured/anchored to the decorticated bone. The decortication usually involves femoral ostectomy and sometimes debridement to expose the insertion site. There is no singular ACHI code for 'LARS reconstruction of gluteal tendon', therefore codes should be assigned to reflect the significant components of the procedure which are:

- transosseous suture of gluteal tendon with reinforcement by LARS (reconstruction of tendon), and
- distal femoral ostectomy

Orthopaedic clinical consultation confirmed that the best fit code for the tendon 'reconstruction' is 47954-00 [1569] *Repair of tendon, not elsewhere classified*. Bursectomy may also be performed e.g. for bursitis and should be coded only if it meets criteria for coding.

DECISION

This query will be submitted to the ACCD. In the meantime, assign:

47954-00 [1569] *Repair of tendon, not elsewhere classified*

48424-04 [1483] *Ostectomy of proximal femur*

for gluteal tendon LARS repair and reinforcement/reconstruction.

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