



Western Australian Coding Rule

0617/01 Neurocardiogenic syncope

Q.

What is the correct code assignment for neurocardiogenic syncope?

Patient presented with 4 episodes of loss of consciousness, admitted for diagnosis and management of syncopal attacks. Patient was diagnosed with neurocardiogenic syncope.

There is a 2006 CAP decision advising to assign: R55 *Syncope and collapse* G90.8 *Other disorders of autonomic nervous system*.

Please advise if this decision is still current?

A.

Neurocardiogenic syncope is:

- also known as vasovagal syncope.
- defined as a syndrome in which triggering of a neural reflex results in a usually self-limited episode of systemic hypotension characterized by both bradycardia (asystole or relative bradycardia) and peripheral vasodilation.
- a symptom, not a disease.

For documentation of 'neurocardiogenic syncope' follow these Index pathways to assign R55 *Syncope and collapse*:

- **Syncope**
- **Vasovagal attack**
- **Syndrome**, vasovagal
- **Syncope**, cardiac
- **Syncope**, heart

In keeping with ACCD Coding Rule *Micturition syncope* (October 2015) do not assign an additional diagnosis code (such as G90.x *Disorders of autonomic nervous system*) to accompany R55.

DECISION

Assign R55 *Syncope and collapse* for neurocardiogenic syncope.

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