



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0719/34 Goldilocks mastectomy

ACCD Coding Rule **Goldilocks mastectomy** (Ref No: Q3139) was retired on 30 June 2019.

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition (effective 1 July 2019), an ACHI Index pathway was created for Goldilocks mastectomy.



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## 0217/04 Goldilocks mastectomy

WA Coding Rule 0916/03 *Goldilocks mastectomy* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Goldilocks mastectomy*** (Ref No: Q3139) effective 1 April 2017; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

### DECISION

**WA Coding Rule 0916/03 *Goldilocks mastectomy* is retired.**

[Effective 1 Apr 2017, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 9<sup>th</sup> Ed.]



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## 0916/03 Goldilocks mastectomy

### Q.

What is the correct procedure code to assign for a Goldilocks mastectomy?

### A.

A Goldilocks mastectomy is synonymous with a subcutaneous mastectomy which is a skin sparing mastectomy where the nipple is usually spared. The patient's glandular tissue is removed while preserving healthy tissue i.e. subcutaneous tissue, skin and nipple areolar complex (NAC). The patient is left with enough healthy tissue to create a smaller breast. This procedure is suited to larger breasts. Since the procedure is neither a complete amputation of the breast nor is it a full reconstruction (with flap, prosthesis etc.) it is "something in the middle" thus called "Goldilocks" mastectomy.

Using the Index pathway:

Mastectomy  
-subcutaneous (unilateral)  
--bilateral

Assign either 31524-00 [1747] *Subcutaneous mastectomy, unilateral* or 31524-01 [1747] *Subcutaneous mastectomy, bilateral* for documentation of Goldilocks mastectomy.

## DECISION

**Goldilocks mastectomy should be assigned to either 31524-00 [1747] *Subcutaneous mastectomy, unilateral* or 31524-01 [1747] *Subcutaneous mastectomy, bilateral*.**

[Effective 21 Sep 2016, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 9<sup>th</sup> Ed.]