



Government of **Western Australia**
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Western Australian Coding Rule

0719/35 Coding of Chapter 20 codes when performed under anaesthesia

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DECISION

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Should Chapter 20 codes always be coded when performed under cerebral anaesthesia or does the anaesthesia need to have been given for that specific procedure for it to be coded?

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ACS 0042 *Procedures normally not coded* states “the listed procedures should be coded if cerebral anaesthesia is required in order for the procedure to be performed”.

A chapter 20 code should not be assigned when performed under cerebral anaesthesia, if it is performed in conjunction with another procedure not excluded by ACS 0042.

DECISION

A Chapter 20 code should not be assigned when performed under cerebral anaesthesia when it is performed with another procedure performed during the same operative episode. This excludes where Chapter 20 is mandated by ACS or WA Coding Committee decision:

- **59903-03 [1990] Aortography** see ACS 0933 *Cardiac Catheterisation and Coronary Angiography*
- **30668-00 [1949] Endoscopic ultrasound** see WA Coding Rule 0511/08 *EUS and FNA pancreas biopsy and aspiration of cyst*

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