



Western Australian Coding Rule

0719/40 Pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome

ACCD Coding Rule **HELLP syndrome** (Ref No: Q3241) was retired on 30 June 2019.

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition (effective 1 July 2019), the ICD-10-AM Tabular List and Alphabetic Index were amended to specify that severe pre-eclampsia is inherent in HELLP syndrome.



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1217/02 Pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome

WA Coding Rule 00817/04 *Pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule **HELLP syndrome** (Ref No: Q3241) effective 1 January 2018; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0817/04 *Pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome* is retired.

[Effective 1 Jan 2018, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 10th Ed.]



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0817/04 Pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome

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When pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome are documented, can both conditions be coded?

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HELLP syndrome, named for three features of the disease (haemolysis, elevated liver enzyme levels and low platelets/thrombocytopenia), is a life-threatening condition that can potentially complicate pregnancy. HELLP syndrome was once known as oedema-proteinuria-hypertension gestosis type B and was later renamed HELLP syndrome in 1982. Some clinicians consider HELLP syndrome to be a variant of pre-eclampsia while others consider it to be a separate entity.

For more information on HELLP syndrome see:

http://www.kemh.health.wa.gov.au/development/manuals/O&G_guidelines/sectionb/2/5146.pdf

In ICD-10-AM pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome are individually classified to block O14 Preeclampsia. Pre-eclampsia is assigned one of the following codes depending on documentation of severity:

O14.0 Mild to moderate pre-eclampsia

O14.1 Severe pre-eclampsia

O14.9 Pre-eclampsia, unspecified

HELLP syndrome is assigned O14.2 HELLP syndrome.

There are separate Index entries for pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome, and there are no Tabular instructions to exclude the assignment of O14.0-O14.1 or O14.9 with O14.2.

For documentation of pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome, assign codes for both conditions.

DECISION

When pre-eclampsia and HELLP syndrome are documented, assign codes for both conditions (O14.0-O14.1, O14.9 and O14.2). This advice will be sent to the ACCD for confirmation.

[Effective 02 Aug 2017, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 10th Ed.]