



Western Australian Coding Rule

0719/58 Stiffness of knee following total knee replacement

WA Coding Rule 1111/05 *Stiffness of knee following total knee replacement* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Eleventh Edition ACS 1904 Procedural complications – additional code to add specificity*** (Ref No: TN1504) effective 1 July 2019; (log in to view on the [IHPA ACE portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 1111/05 *Stiffness of knee following total knee replacement* is retired.

[Effective 1 Jul 2019, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 11th Ed.]



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What code/s should be assigned for stiffness of knee post total knee replacement (TKR)?

A.

Stiffness of the knee following TKR is a common condition that occurs for many reasons. It could be due to previous misuse of the joint because of osteoarthritis or noncompliance with the exercise regime.

It can only be coded as a mechanical complication when it is documented as such by the doctor. If it is not documented as a post-operative complication it should be coded to M25.66 *Stiffness of joint, not elsewhere classified, lower leg* and Z96.65 *Presence of a knee implant*.

See ACS 1904 *Procedural complications* for guidelines on code assignment for procedural complications.

DECISION

If it is not documented as a post-operative complication, stiffness of knee post total knee replacement is assigned codes: M25.66 *Stiffness of joint, not elsewhere classified, lower leg* and Z96.65 *Presence of a knee implant*.

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