



Western Australian Coding Rule

0817/01 Bladder stretch injury due to acute urine retention

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What code(s) should be assigned for bladder stretch injury due to acute urine retention?

A.

Urinary retention is the inability to empty the bladder completely; acute urinary retention is the inability to urinate at all. If the bladder is overstretched or stretched for long periods, the muscles may be permanently damaged and lose their ability to contract. This may result in a bladder stretch injury.

There is no Index entry for bladder stretch injury in ICD-10-AM.

For bladder stretch injury assign N32.8 *Other specified disorders of bladder* following the Index pathway:

Disorder

- bladder

- - specified NEC

The underlying condition (urine retention R33), if still present, should also be coded in accordance with ACS 0001 *Principal diagnosis - Problems and underlying conditions*.

DECISION

For documentation of bladder stretch injury due to acute urine retention (still present), assign codes N32.8 *Other specified disorders of bladder* and R33 *Retention of urine*. Underlying causes which have completely resolved (and are therefore ‘past history’) cannot be coded unless an appropriate code from sequelae (B90-B94), or past history (Z8xx) codes, is available.

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