



Western Australian Coding Rule

0916/09 Inflammation documented on histopathology report

Q.

The conclusion of a pathology report often states 'inflammation' of an organ. Should the Index be followed from '**Inflammation, inflamed, inflammatory**' to assign '-itis' codes for those organs?

A.

When 'inflammation' meets criteria for coding, carefully follow: the Index from lead term '**Inflammation, inflamed, inflammatory**;' and the Index and Tabular instructions to assign the correct code.

Examples:

'Oesophageal biopsy: inflammation'

Inflammation, inflamed, inflammatory → oesophagus → K20 *Oesophagitis*

'Biopsy stomach: chronic superficial inflammation'

Inflammation, inflamed, inflammatory → stomach (see *Gastritis*) → **Gastritis** → chronic → superficial → K29.30 *Chronic superficial gastritis, without mention of haemorrhage*

'Bile duct: inflammation'

Inflammation, inflamed, inflammatory → bile duct or passage (see also *Cholangitis*) → K83.0 *Cholangitis*

'Endometrium: chronic inflammation'

Inflammation, inflamed, inflammatory → uterus (see also *Endometritis*) → **Endometritis** → chronic → N71.1 *Chronic inflammatory disease of uterus*.

'Bladder: inflammation'

Inflammation, inflamed, inflammatory → bladder (see also *Cystitis*) → N30.9 *Cystitis, unspecified*

When 'inflammation' meets ACS criteria for coding and there is no sub-term for the inflamed organ under '**Inflammation, inflamed, inflammatory**,' follow the Index from '**Disease**' to assign the correct code (as per *Conventions used in the Tabular List of Diseases*, Example 44).

DECISION

When 'inflammation' of an organ meets criteria for coding, carefully follow the Index lead term 'Inflammation, inflamed, inflammatory;' and the Index and Tabular instructions to assign the correct code.

When there is no sub-term for the inflamed organ under 'Inflammation, inflamed, inflammatory,' follow the Index lead term 'Disease' to assign the correct code.

This advice has a minor modification to correspond with an update in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition.

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