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Department of **Health**

# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 1217/03 Viral induced wheeze

ACCD Coding Rule ***Viral induced wheeze*** (Ref No: Q3235) effective 1 January 2018; supersedes WA Coding Rule 0316/08 *Viral induced wheeze* (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

Note: Updates to Q3235 *Viral induced wheeze* in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Twelfth Edition, effective 1 July 2022.

### DECISION

**WA Coding Rule 0316/08 *Viral induced wheeze* is retired.**

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

RETIRED



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## 0316/08 Viral induced wheeze

### Q.

What code/s should be assigned for viral induced wheeze in an adult e.g. influenza and viral induced wheeze? Previous CCWA advice appears to only apply to children.

### A.

Clinical advice indicates that 'viral induced wheeze' is a specific diagnostic statement that refers to wheeze that has been triggered by a virus. The wheeze becomes a significant diagnosis in its own right and is usually the focus of treatment in the episode. The diagnosis 'viral induced wheeze' is most common in paediatric patients.

When the specific statement "viral induced wheeze" alone is documented as the principal diagnosis, coders should assign R06.2 *Wheezing* as the principal diagnosis and B34.9 *Viral infection, unspecified* as an additional diagnosis. If a specific virus has been documented, this should be coded instead of B34.9.

When 'viral induced wheeze' is documented with other diagnostic statements such as influenza, asthma or pneumonia, coders should be guided by ACS 0001 *Principal diagnosis* and ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses* when assigning and sequencing codes.

The previous decision by CCWA published in September 2011 has been retired.

## DECISION

**'Viral induced wheeze', when documented alone as the principal diagnosis should be coded to R06.2 *Wheezing* and B34.9 *Viral infection, unspecified* (unless the specific virus is known). When 'viral induced wheeze' is documented with other diagnoses, the code assignment and sequencing should be guided by ACS 0001 and ACS 0002.**

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## 0911/01 Viral induced wheeze

**Q.**

What code/s should be assigned for viral induced wheeze?

**A.**

Most people with asthma wheeze, but not everyone with wheeze has asthma:

<http://www.nationalasthma.org.au/content/view/207/56/>

The clinical viewpoint from Professor Stick (HoD Respiratory Medicine at PMH) is that the wheeze is significant and should preferably be sequenced as principal diagnosis. From a coding perspective, the logic used to code the wheeze as the principal diagnosis is that it is interpreted that the viral infection has triggered the wheeze, rather than caused it.

### DECISION

**When the specific statement viral-induced wheeze is documented code:**

**R06.2 Wheezing**

**B34.9 Viral Infection, unspecified.**

[Effective 21 Sep 2011, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 7<sup>th</sup> Ed.]