



Western Australian Coding Rule

1218/09 Decompression of sigmoid volvulus

WA Coding Rule 0417/03 *Endoscopy with insertion of flatus tube* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Decompression of sigmoid volvulus*** (Ref No: Q3343) effective 1 January 2019; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0417/03 *Endoscopy with insertion of flatus tube* is retired.

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



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0417/03 Endoscopy with insertion of flatus tube

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What is the correct ACHI code for decompression of volvulus by insertion of flatus tube via sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy?

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Sigmoid volvulus is commonly treated by endoscopy and insertion of flatus tube which is a long soft rubber tube. The flatus tube is connected to a collection bag. The flatus tube allows for decompression of the distended colon and may be left in situ for up to 48 hours.

A flatus tube is considered to be of similar functionality to a nasogastric tube which is not coded as per ACS 0042 *Procedures normally not coded*. Therefore endoscopy with insertion of flatus tube should be coded to the appropriate endoscopy ACHI code. Insertion of flatus tube is not coded.

DECISION

Endoscopy with insertion of flatus tube should be coded to the appropriate endoscopy ACHI code. Insertion of flatus tube is not coded.

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