



Western Australian Coding Rule

0110/08 Suction dilation and curettage

Q.

Should “suction evacuation....D&C gentle curettage” for failed pregnancy (missed abortion at 9 weeks) be coded as dilation and curettage (D&C) or dilation and evacuation (D&E)?

A.

Following Alphabetic Index pathway:

Curettage

- uterus

-- with dilation of cervix

--- by suction

Code assigned is 35640-03 [1265] *Suction curettage of uterus*. This is not a case of dilation and evacuation just because the word evacuation is documented.

DECISION

Assign code 35640-03 [1265] *Suction curettage of uterus* for documentation of suction evacuation with dilation and curettage.

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