



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0311/03 Retrobulbar or peribulbar block

### Q.

Should retrobulbar or peribulbar injection be coded as regional anaesthesia? Some anaesthetists refer to these blocks as local anaesthesia in their documentation.

### A.

If the anaesthetist specifies that the retrobulbar or peribulbar block is a regional block then assign 92509-xx [1909] *Regional block, nerve of head or neck*. If the retrobulbar or peribulbar block is specified as being a local anaesthetic by the anaesthetist follow ACS 0031 *Anaesthesia*, Classification point 4. When the documentation on the anaesthetic record is unclear as to whether it is a regional block or local anaesthetic, assume local anaesthetic and do not code.

### DECISION

**If retrobulbar or peribulbar block is specified as being a regional block by the anaesthetist assign 92509-xx [1909] *Regional block, nerve of head or neck*. If the documentation is unclear or specified as local anaesthetic, do not code.**

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