



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## **0318/29 Same-day endoscopy for follow-up of polyps**

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Tenth Edition, ACS 0052 *Same-day endoscopy – Surveillance* provides guidelines on code assignment for same-day endoscopy for follow-up of polyps. WA Coding Rule 1215/03 *Same-day endoscopy for follow-up of polyps* is therefore retired.

## **DECISION**

**WA Coding Rule 1215/03 *Same-day endoscopy for follow-up of polyps* is retired.**

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### Q.

What codes should be assigned when a patient has a colonoscopy to follow up a polyp but the previous type of polyp is unknown, or it is known and a different polyp is found?

### A.

The following scenarios have been raised:

1. A patient is admitted for follow up of colonic polyp by colonoscopy but the type of polyp previously found is unknown. This admission, a polyp is excised and histopathology shows a tubular adenoma of the sigmoid.

For this scenario, the condition being followed up is a polyp. A polyp is found on examination. The specific type of polyp is a tubular adenoma. As the condition being followed up has been found, coders should follow ACS 2113 *Follow-up examinations for specific disorders* and assign the following diagnosis codes:

D12.5 *Benign neoplasm of sigmoid colon*

M8211/0 *Tubular adenoma NOS*

Z09.- *Follow up examination after treatment for conditions other than malignant neoplasms.*

Note: coders should endeavour to find out what type of polyp is being followed up by examining other parts of the medical record such as correspondence and previous admissions.

2. A patient is admitted for a colonoscopy to follow up a previously excised tubular adenoma of the sigmoid. This

admission, a polyp is found in the transverse colon and histopathology shows it to be a hyperplastic polyp.

For this scenario, an adenoma is being followed up. No adenoma has been found. There is an incidental finding of a hyperplastic polyp. In contrast to same day endoscopies for investigation of symptoms (ACS 0046), incidental findings in follow-up cases are not usually coded; however in this case the hyperplastic polyp meets the criteria for coding in ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses* as it was excised. Coders should follow the instructions in ACS 2113 *Follow-up examinations for specific disorders* and ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses* and assign the following diagnosis codes:

Z09.0 *Follow-up examination after surgery for other conditions*

Z86.0 *Personal history of other neoplasms*

K63.58 *Other polyp of colon*



## DECISION

**Coders should be guided by the ACS 2113 *Follow-up examinations for specific disorders* when coding same day endoscopies for follow up of polyps.**

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