



Western Australian Coding Rule

0318/37 Lynch Syndrome, indication for colonoscopy

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Tenth Edition, ACS 0052 *Same-day endoscopy – Surveillance* provides guidelines on code assignment for Hereditary Non-Polyposis Colon Cancer (HNPCC). HNPCC is synonymous with Lynch Syndrome. Alphabetic Index entries for Lynch Syndrome and screening for Lynch Syndrome were also created in Tenth Edition.

WA Coding Rule 0914/03 *Lynch Syndrome, indication for colonoscopy* is therefore retired.

DECISION

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0914/03 Lynch Syndrome, indication for colonoscopy

Q.

How do you code Lynch Syndrome as an indication for same-day, surveillance colonoscopy, with no cancer detected at scope?

A.

Lynch Syndrome is not specifically indexed in ICD-10-AM but is synonymous with Hereditary Non Polyposis Colon Cancer (HNPCC).

The term HNPCC is used for patients with the inherited gene mutation, regardless of whether they have yet developed cancer. Guidelines in ACS 0247 Hereditary Non-Polyposis Colon Cancer should only be followed if the patient develops bowel cancer.

This admission should be coded as a screening episode as per the note in ACS 0247: "Persons who are at risk for HNPCC due to a family history of the disease will be screened at regular intervals (see ACS 2111 Screening for specific disorders)" and the following codes applied:

Z12.1 Special screening examination for neoplasm of intestinal tract

Z80.0 Family history of malignant neoplasm of digestive organs

There is no ICD-10-AM code for gene mutation; hence it is correct to use Z80.0 Family history of malignant neoplasm of digestive organs to show the indication for screening.

DECISION

Lynch Syndrome is synonymous with Hereditary Non-Polyposis Colon Cancer (HNPCC). A same-day admission with indication of Lynch Syndrome for surveillance colonoscopy should be coded according to ACS 2111 Screening for specific disorders, if no cancer is detected at scope.

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