



Western Australian Coding Rule

0413/09 Caudal epidural injection

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How should a caudal epidural injection for pain management be coded? Should a code from block [32] *Epidural injection* or [34] *Caudal injection* be assigned?

A.

A caudal epidural injection is a type of epidural injection via a caudal approach. The injection is made into the epidural space through the sacral hiatus, just above the coccyx. A caudal epidural is performed using a different technique and different positioning of the patient than a regular epidural injection.

In the ACHI classification, caudal epidural injections are classified in a separate block to epidural injections. An appropriate code from block [34] *Caudal injection* should be assigned for documentation of a caudal epidural injection.

DECISION

Caudal epidural injection for pain management should be assigned an appropriate procedure code from block [34] *Caudal injection*.

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