



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0514/04 Attempted hanging with no injury

### Q.

What is the correct coding when a patient is admitted for observation following an attempted hanging with no injury?

### A.

A patient may be admitted for observation following a self-harm attempt or may require extra observation after attempting self-harm while an inpatient. If no injury is diagnosed but the event meets the criteria in ACS 0001 *Principal diagnosis* or ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses*, a code should be assigned.

The correct code to assign for an attempted hanging with no injury is Z03.8 Observation for other suspected diseases and conditions. There are a number of index pathways that lead to this code, including:

Observation

- suicide attempt, alleged NEC

Self-harm

- observation following (alleged) attempt

Suicide

- observation following alleged attempt

### DECISION

**The correct code to assign for an attempted hanging with no injury is Z03.8 *Observation for other suspected diseases and conditions*, followed by the relevant external cause codes.**

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