



Western Australian Coding Rule

0615/02 **Blastocystis hominis**

Q.

What is the correct code to assign for diarrhoea caused by blastocystis hominis?

A.

Blastocystis hominis is a protozoan intestinal parasite which may cause diarrhoea. When diarrhoea due to blastocystis hominis is documented and meets ACS 0002 *Additional diagnoses*, it should be coded to A07.8 *Other specified protozoal intestinal disease* by following the Index pathway:

Diarrhoea

- protozoal

- - specified NEC A07.8

Similar documentation of infection, infestation and enteritis due to blastocystis hominis may also be assigned this code by using those lead terms.

DECISION

Diarrhoea due to blastocystis hominis should be coded to A07.8 *Other specified protozoal intestinal disease*.

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