



Western Australian Coding Rule

0709/02 Punch biopsy

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Should punch biopsy of skin lesion be coded as biopsy or excision of lesion?

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There are valued opinions past and present on the coding of punch biopsies. The current decision is to code punch biopsy as biopsy of skin, rather than excision of skin lesion.

DECISION

Assign 30071-00 [1618] *Biopsy of skin and subcutaneous tissue* for punch biopsy of skin lesion without excision documentation.

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