Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

Western Australian Coding Rule

0709/06   Floating 12th rib syndrome

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What is the correct code to assign for "floating 12th rib syndrome" for which patient receives intercostal block, rectus sheath block and ilio-inguinal block.

A.

The disorder sometimes referred to as floating rib syndrome, and better known as slipped rib syndrome, occurs when a rib becomes dislocated, slipping out of its socket. As the terms are synonymous, follow Alphabetic Index entry:
Slipped, slipping
- rib and assign M89.88 *Other specified disorders of bone, other site*.

DECISION
Floating rib syndrome should be coded to M89.88 *Other specified disorders of bone, other site.*

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