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# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0711/07 Spurious labour

**Q.**

What is the correct code assignment for spurious labour? Patient induced due to being in spurious labour for several days.

**A.**

Spurious labour (also known as false labour) is defined as painful uterine contractions (often irregular) without cervical effacement or dilation, and is assigned the appropriate code from block O47 *False labour*.

Check for documentation of patient being in the latent phase which is the first phase of stage 1 of true labour, and also can involve irregular uterine contractions. The difference being there is slow and gradual cervical effacement and dilation. Prolonged latent phase is an indication for induction of labour (IOL) and is coded O62.0 *Primary inadequate contractions* (includes uterine inertia during latent phase of labour).

**DECISION**

**Assign a code from block O47 *False labour* for spurious labour.**

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