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Department of **Health**

# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0715/07 Transperineal biopsy of prostate

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Ninth Edition, transperineal biopsy of prostate has been incorporated in ACHI. WA Coding Rule 0413/01 *Transperineal biopsy of prostate* is therefore retired.

Further amendments have been made to ACHI in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Twelfth Edition with a specific code created for transperineal biopsy of prostate.

### **DECISION**

**WA Coding Rule 0413/01 *Transperineal biopsy of prostate* is retired.**

[Effective 01 Jul 2015, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 9<sup>th</sup> Ed.]



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### Q.

Could you please provide advice on how to code transperineal biopsy of prostate? Can we code as 37212-00 [1164] Open biopsy of prostate or seminal vesicle even though the procedure looks like it was performed with a needle?

### A.

The transperineal biopsy of prostate collects the tissue through a small incision in the perineum. Both the transrectal and transperineal prostate biopsies use spring-loaded needles. Clinical advice from a urologist was that a transperineal biopsy is performed using a closed or percutaneous approach, similar to a transrectal prostate biopsy. The pathway 'biopsy, prostate, perineal' is not appropriate as this indicates an open approach and is different to the closed transperineal approach. As there is no index entry for 'biopsy, prostate, transperineal' coders should be guided by clinical advice and follow the pathway 'biopsy, prostate, needle' in order to assign the code 37218-00 [1163] Percutaneous [needle] biopsy of prostate for documentation of transperineal prostate biopsy. This code reflects that the procedure is performed percutaneously.

### DECISION

**Transperineal biopsy of the prostate should be coded to 37218-00 [1163] Percutaneous [needle] biopsy of prostate by following the index entry 'biopsy, prostate, needle'. This query will be forwarded to the NCCC for index updating.**

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