



Western Australian Coding Rule

0719/11 Retained placenta following missed abortion

WA Coding Rule 0318/31 *Retained placenta following missed abortion* is retired.

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition (effective 1 July 2019) amendments have been made to ACS 1544 *Complications Following Pregnancy with Abortive Outcome* to clarify coding of retained products of conception following abortion.

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0318/31 *Retained placenta following missed abortion* is retired.

[Effective 01 Jul 2019, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 11th Ed.]



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0318/31 Retained placenta following missed abortion

Q.

What is the correct diagnosis for retained placenta following a missed abortion (before fetal viability)? The patient had a Misoprostol induction and delivery of fetus at 19 weeks but then required a suction curettage for a retained placenta.

A.

A missed abortion occurs when the fetus or embryo has died but has been retained in utero. In the ICD-10-AM classification it is defined as an “early fetal death with retention of dead fetus” i.e. it occurs before fetal viability. ‘Retention of fetus’ is taken to include all products of conception. Therefore, any retained products of conception after the initial abortion are still part of the missed abortion diagnosis. Any further retained products of conception are inherent in the missed abortion code. A missed abortion code should be assigned until all products of conception have been expelled or removed.

This is in accordance with the logic of Example 5 in ACS 1544 *Complications following abortion and ectopic and molar pregnancy*. A code from O08 *Complications following abortion and ectopic and molar pregnancy* is not appropriate in this case. Complication codes related to labour, delivery and puerperium (O60-O92) are not appropriate in this situation as the fetal death occurred before viability.

In this case the correct diagnosis codes are:

O02.1 *Missed abortion*

O09.2 *Duration of pregnancy 14-19 completed weeks*

Coders should follow the *Tenth Edition FAQs Part 2: Codes assigned for fetal death in utero (FDIU)/missed abortion before fetal viability, with induction of labour* (October 2017) for advice on ACHI code assignment.

DECISION

Any retained products of conception requiring removal or treatment after a missed abortion should be coded to O02.1 *Missed abortion* as they are inherent in this code and are still a continuing part of this diagnosis.

This WA Coding Rule 0318/31 *Retained placenta following missed abortion* supersedes WA Coding Rule 0314/01 *Retained placenta following missed abortion*.

This advice has a minor modification to correspond with an update in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Tenth Edition.

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0314/01 Retained placenta following missed abortion

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What is the correct diagnosis code for retained placenta following a missed abortion (before fetal viability)? The patient had a Misoprostol induction and delivery of foetus at 19 weeks but then required a suction curettage for a retained placenta.

A.

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This follows the logic of Example 5 in ACS 1544 *Complications following abortion and ectopic and molar pregnancy*. A code from Q08 *Complications following abortion and ectopic and molar pregnancy* is not appropriate in this case. Complication codes related to labour, delivery and puerperium (O60-O92) are not appropriate in this situation as the fetal death occurred before viability. In this case the correct codes are:

O02.1 *Missed abortion*

O09.2 *Duration of pregnancy 14-19 completed weeks*

90462-00 [1330] *Insertion of prostaglandin suppository for induction of abortion*

35640-03 [1265] *Suction curettage of uterus*

DECISION

Any removal of or treatment for retained products of conception after a missed abortion should be coded to O02.1 *Missed abortion* as they are inherent in this code and are still a continuing part of this diagnosis.

[Effective 05 Mar 2014, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 8th Ed.]