



Western Australian Coding Rule

0719/12 Coding of multiple perineal tears

WA Coding Rule 1111/08 *Coding of multiple perineal tears* is retired.

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition (effective 1 July 2019), ICD-10-AM Tabular List and ACS 1551 *Obstetric perineal grazes and lacerations* were amended to provide guidance for the coding of multiple perineal tears.

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 1111/08 *Coding of multiple perineal tears* is retired.

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Q.

If a patient has a second degree and a first degree tear in two different locations, both repaired, would it be correct to assign *O70.0 First degree perineal laceration during delivery* and *O70.1 Second degree perineal laceration during delivery* as well as two procedure codes?

A.

It is correct that multiple lacerations of a different degree can be coded. There is no exclusion note at *O70.x Perineal laceration during delivery* that prevents this. The index has all degrees of lacerations being of equal indentation. This is a coding convention, telling us to code each of the different levels of perineal lacerations. Of course we do not code a perineal laceration unless it is repaired. The corresponding repairs are coded according to how many tears are repaired, as per *ACS 0020 Bilateral and multiple procedures*, point 3 assign a code for each site.

DECISION

There is no exclusion note at *O70.x Perineal laceration during delivery* so multiple tears can be coded as long as they are at different sites and repaired. These tears must also be coded multiple times as per *ACS 0020 Bilateral and multiple procedures*, point 3.

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