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Western Australian Coding Rule

0811/06 Croup with stridor versus stridulous croup

Q.

Is croup with stridor the same as stridulous croup?

A.

Research indicates that croup with stridor is not the same as stridulous croup. Clinically all croup has stridor and stridulous croup is considered as severe croup. Documentation of croup with stridor is coded to J05.0 *Acute obstructive laryngitis*. The index assigns stridulous croup to J38.5 *Laryngeal spasm*.

DECISION

Documentation of croup with stridor is assigned J05.0 *Acute obstructive laryngitis*. Stridulous croup is assigned J38.5 *Laryngeal spasm*.

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