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Western Australian Coding Rule

0812/04   Buccal mucosal graft with urethroplasty

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How should a buccal mucosal graft be coded when performed with a urethroplasty?

A.

Urethroplasty is commonly performed for repair of urethral strictures. The surgical technique for urethroplasty is selected according to stricture aetiology. The four most common types of urethroplasty are anastomotic, buccal mucosal graft, scrotal or penile island flap and Johansen's urethroplasty i.e. buccal mucosal graft is just one of a number of urethroplasty methods.

Although buccal mucosal graft is not performed with every urethroplasty it is considered to be a component of urethroplasty when it is performed. Following the guidelines in ACS 0016 *General procedure guidelines* a code from ACHI block 1121 *Urethroplasty* only should be assigned when buccal mucosal graft is performed as part of an urethroplasty.

DECISION
Buccal mucosal graft is a procedural component of urethroplasty and should not be assigned a separate code when performed with urethroplasty.

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