



Western Australian Coding Rule

0915/01 Dementia in Alzheimer's disease

Q.

If a patient has Alzheimer's dementia and another type of dementia, should you code two dementia codes (i.e. G30.9, F00.9x, F01.xx) or code to G30.8† and F00.2x* *Dementia in Alzheimer's disease, atypical or mixed type*?

A.

Dementia in Alzheimer's disease may be present with another type of dementia such as vascular dementia.

Following the Index pathway for dementia in Alzheimer's disease, there is an option to select 'atypical or mixed'. This should only be selected if there is documentation of one of the terms 'atypical' or 'mixed' dementia. Selecting this option when there is another type of dementia documented, such as vascular dementia, will result in this specificity being lost in the final coding.

The correct codes to assign for dementia in Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia are:
G30.9 *Alzheimer's disease, unspecified*
F00.9x *Dementia in Alzheimer's disease, unspecified*
F01.xx *Vascular dementia*

DECISION

Coders should follow the Index pathways when coding dementia in Alzheimer's disease with another type of dementia. Both types may be coded out separately to adequately transcribe the diagnostic statement into code.

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

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