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Western Australian Coding Rule

1209/04   Helicobacter Heilmannii

Q.

What do you code gastroscopy histology for a patient with chronic gastritis and Helicobacter Helmannii to? Should this be coded to B96.81 (even though this is H. pylori) as it has been known to cause duodenal and gastric ulcers in people?

A.

H.Heilmannii gastritis is much rarer than H. pylori gastritis and usually effects cats, dogs and pigs and is not usually transmitted from animals to people. People that are infected by H. Heilmannii are known to develop duodenal and gastric ulcers. 70% of people with this infection have contact with pets. H. Heilmannii has susceptibility to H. Pylori eradication therapy. For coding purposes B96.81 *Helicobacter pylori [H. pylori] as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters* is for H. pylori and is not assigned for H. Heilmannii. Assign B96.88 *Other and unspecified bacterial agents as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters* as an additional diagnosis for Helicobacter Heilmannii when it is found in the presence of the above conditions or there is a documented association with another condition following Alphabetic Index pathway:

Infection, infected
- bacterial (unspecified agent) NEC
- - agent (unspecified site)
- - - specified
- - - - as cause of disease classified for other chapters B96.89

DECISION
Assign B96.89 *Other specified bacterial agents as the cause of diseases classified to other chapters* as an additional diagnosis for Helicobacter Heilmannii, sequenced after the condition it is causing e.g. gastritis or gastric ulcer.

This advice has a minor modification to correspond with an update in ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Twelfth Edition, effective 1 July 2022.

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