Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

Western Australian Coding Rule

0722/06   Arthroscopy of knee with lateral release, meniscectomy and chondroplasty

Codes containing multiple concepts in blocks [1511], [1514] and [1517] have been inactivated in Twelfth Edition. Concepts are to be classified separately as per ACHI Index.

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Q.

How do we code the combination of arthroscopic procedures (arthroscopy knee with lateral release, meniscectomy and chondroplasty) when chondroplasty can be classified with lateral release or meniscectomy?

A.

There is no right or wrong combination of procedures as long as the individual procedures are not repeated. Possible combinations = 49561-01 [1517] *Arthroscopic meniscectomy of knee with debridement, osteoplasty or chondroplasty* and 49560-02 [1501] *Arthroscopic lateral release of knee*

OR

49561-00 [1514] *Arthroscopic lateral release of knee with debridement, osteoplasty or chondroplasty* and 49560-03 [1503] *Arthroscopic meniscectomy of knee*
NOT

49561-00 [1514] *Arthroscopic lateral release of knee with debridement, osteoplasty or chondroplasty* and 49561-01 [1517] *Arthroscopic meniscectomy of knee with debridement, osteoplasty or chondroplasty*.

DECISION
Capture as many procedures as you can in the one procedure code. Code the remaining procedure code without repeating the previous procedures.

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