



Western Australian Coding Rule

0719/32 Chemotherapy/pharmacotherapy for neoplasm related conditions (ACCD Coding Rule)

WA Coding Rule 0217/02 ACCD Coding Rule *Sameday admissions for chemotherapy/pharmacotherapy for neoplasm(s) and neoplasm related conditions (December 2016)* is retired.

Issues with this ACCD Coding Rule and Eleventh Edition changes in ACS 0044 *Pharmacotherapy* have been queried with IHPA. In the meantime, coders should be guided by the *Guide to Major Eleventh Edition Changes: Australian Coding Standards and ICD-10-AM*, available on the WACCA website.

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0217/02 ACCD Coding Rule *Sameday admissions for chemotherapy/pharmacotherapy for neoplasm(s) and neoplasm related conditions (December 2016)* is retired.

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Please clarify the ACCD Coding Rule *Sameday admissions for chemotherapy/pharmacotherapy for neoplasm(s) and neoplasm related conditions* in relation to the following example:

A patient who is to receive chemotherapy is first seen in the outpatient clinic to assess their fitness for chemotherapy treatment. If there is a contraindication to having chemotherapy, such as dehydration, the patient is admitted for IV hydration to treat their dehydration. What is the correct principal diagnosis?

A.

ACS 0044 *Chemotherapy* provides classification advice that Z51.1 should be assigned for a same day episode for **treatment of a neoplasm or neoplasm related condition**.

The ACCD Coding Rule may be open to misinterpretation as pertaining to all admissions for administration of Neulasta, IV hydration or other prophylactic pharmacotherapy in patients with a neoplasm or neoplasm related condition, rather than admissions for administration of those substances **for the treatment of a neoplasm or neoplasm related condition** as set out in ACS 0044.

For example, a patient who is to receive chemotherapy is first seen in the outpatient clinic to assess their fitness for chemotherapy treatment. If there is a contraindication to having chemotherapy, such as dehydration, the patient is admitted for IV hydration to treat their dehydration. The dehydration may be due to the neoplasm or another condition entirely. Only if the dehydration is documented as a neoplasm related condition should it be coded to Z51.1, neoplasm codes, E86, 96199-00. If the dehydration is not documented as a neoplasm related condition, E86 and 96199-09 would be assigned.

N.B.

- In WA, prophylactic pharmacotherapy does not meet ARDT admission criteria – see WACCAG Coding Query Prophylactic IV fluids before CT scan (May 2014).
- In WA, subcutaneous injections (e.g. Neulasta) do not meet ARDT admission criteria.

DECISION

ARDT admission criteria must be met before applying the ACCD Coding Rule.

For the example of the patient being unfit for chemotherapy due to dehydration and requiring admission for treatment of dehydration, WACCAG interprets that the ACCD Coding Rule *Sameday admissions for chemotherapy/pharmacotherapy for neoplasm(s) and neoplasm related conditions* (Dec 2016) applies only where IV hydration is administered for the treatment of dehydration documented as being neoplasm related.

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