



Western Australian Coding Rule

1113/01 Failed calculus extraction from bile duct

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How should failed extraction of calculus from the bile duct be coded? The trawl was inserted during ERCP but failed to remove the stone.

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As per ACS 0019 *Intervention abandoned, interrupted or not completed* code to the extent of the intervention performed when it is abandoned, interrupted or not completed.

In the case of a 'failed' procedure careful review of the documentation is required to determine the extent of the procedure performed. If a component of the procedure (which is inherent in the code, but not an essential modifier) is not performed, it may still be correct to assign a code for the full procedure. e.g. 'failed CDE' where the common bile duct was explored but dye could not be inserted. Exploration of common bile duct is coded to 30454-00 [963] *Choledochotomy* whether dye is inserted or not.

Once the extent of the procedure has been determined, the index should be followed carefully to assign the correct code.

In this case, because a calculus was not extracted, it would be incorrect to assign a code for ERCP with extraction of calculus.

To capture the fact that a trawl was inserted into the common bile duct, the lead term 'exploration' should be used. Following the index pathway below, assign 30484-00 [957] *Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography [ERCP]*. The instrumentation is inherent in this code.

Exploration

- bile duct(s)
- - common
- - - endoscopic retrograde
- - - - cholangiopancreatography (ERCP)

A sphincterotomy may also be performed to allow passage of the trawl. If this is documented, assign 30485-00 [963] *Endoscopic sphincterotomy* instead by following the pathway:

ERCP (endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography)

- with
- - sphincterotomy



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DECISION

For failed extraction of a calculus from the common bile duct where the trawl is inserted but fails to remove any calculus, assign 30484-00 [957] *Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography [ERCP]*. If a sphincterotomy is also performed, assign 30485-00 [963] *Endoscopic sphincterotomy* instead.

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

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