



Western Australian Coding Rule

0114/02 Infra-orbital bruise

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What is the best code to assign for infra-orbital bruise?

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There is no index entry for 'contusion, infra-orbital'. As the bruise is described as being below the orbit (infra = below), it would be incorrect to select 'contusion, orbit' and assign S05.1 *Contusion of eyelid and orbital tissues*. The bruise does not involve the orbital tissues or eyeball, rather it is below the eye.

A supraorbital contusion is assigned to S00.85 *Superficial injury of other parts of head, contusion* by following the index entry 'contusion, supraorbital'. Following this logic, an infra-orbital bruise should also be assigned to this code.

DECISION

Infra-orbital bruise should be assigned to S00.85 *Superficial injury of other parts of head, contusion*, following the logic of the index entry for supraorbital bruise.

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