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Western Australian Coding Rule

0318/15 Follow-up of ulcerative colitis

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Tenth edition, ACS 0052 *Same-day endoscopy – Surveillance* provides classification instructions for ulcerative colitis. WA Coding Rule 0110/12 *Follow-up of ulcerative colitis* is therefore retired.

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0110/12 *Follow-up of ulcerative colitis* is retired.

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Q.

What do we code for follow-up colonoscopy of patient with ulcerative colitis (currently not on any medication for colitis)? Colonoscopy with biopsy carried out - histology NAD. Do we code the follow-up plus history code?

A.

Inflammatory bowel disorders such as Ulcerative Colitis and Crohn's disease can be present but inactive (sometimes referred to as quiescent, dormant, in remission etc). In these cases the disease is still present and a history code would be incorrect. Crohn's Disease has no cure, however Ulcerative Colitis can be cured with total proctocolectomy with ileostomy. If documentation indicates history of curative surgery and there is no current disease, a history code would be correct.

DECISION

Ulcerative colitis should be coded as a current condition for follow-up colonoscopy cases unless there is documented history of curative surgery.

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