Government of **Western Australia**
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Western Australian Coding Rule

0414/03   Osteitis pubis

Q.

How should osteitis pubis be coded? The default code for osteitis in the index leads to a code for osteomyelitis, which does not seem right.

A.

Following coding conventions, the lead term is 'Osteitis'. There is no entry for 'pubis' so the default code should be assigned: M86.9-. As the 5th character is not specified in the index, the coder must select the correct 5th character from the Tabular. The correct code to assign is M86.95 *Unspecified osteomyelitis, pelvic region and thigh*.

Even though osteomyelitis and osteitis are different diseases, coders should follow indexing conventions to arrive at the correct code.

DECISION

Osteitis pubis should be coded to M86.95 *Unspecified osteomyelitis, pelvic region and thigh* by following the Index entry for 'osteitis' and selecting a 5th character of 5 for pelvic region and thigh.

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