Government of **Western Australia**
Department of **Health**

Western Australian Coding Rule

0418/05   Intravitreal Avastin injection

Q.

Should intravitreal Avastin injection be coded when performed during vitrectomy or cataract extraction?

A.

Avastin (Bevacizumab) is a monoclonal antibody that inactivates the effects of Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor (VEGF; i.e. Avastin is an anti-VEGF). Avastin is used in the treatment of eye conditions with abnormal growth of blood vessels such as diabetic retinopathy, macular oedema, age related macular degeneration and retinal vein occlusion.

Avastin administration is not a routine component of vitrectomy, cataract extraction or insertion of intraocular lens.

When intravitreal Avastin injection is performed, assign 42740-03 [209] *Administration of therapeutic agent to posterior chamber* following Index pathway:

Injection - see Administration

Administration
- - specified site
- - - vitreous 42740-03 [209]

Note: intravitreal antibiotics are routinely administered during cataract surgery and are not coded as per ACS 0016 *General procedure guidelines* and ACS 0042 *Procedures not normally coded.*

DECISION
Assign 42740-03 [209] *Administration of therapeutic agent to posterior chamber* for intravitreal Avastin injection when performed.

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