



Western Australian Coding Rule

0515/05 Repair nasal septal perforation with cartilage graft

WA Coding Rule 0714/07 *Repair nasal septal perforation with cartilage graft* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule **Closure of nasal septal perforation with cartilage graft** (Ref No: Q2929) effective 1 July 2015; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0515/05 *Repair nasal septal perforation with cartilage graft* is retired.

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How do you code repair of nasal septal perforation with cartilage graft?

Cartilage graft is harvested locally and placed over the perforation.

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Nasal septal perforations can be repaired/closed using local mucosal flaps and grafts; or by insertion of a prosthesis (nasal septal button) (Romo III et al. 2012). Clinical advice indicates cartilage graft is not usually inherent in a repair/closure of nasal septal perforation.

The index does not provide further classification of the specific techniques used to close/repair perforated nasal septum.

Repair

- perforation

- - nasal septum (by closure) 41671-01 [379] *Closure of perforation of nasal septum*

or

Closure

- perforation

- - nasal septum 41671-01 [379] *Closure of perforation of nasal septum*

Using a cartilage graft to close the perforation does not constitute a rhinoplasty and it would be incorrect to follow the rhinoplasty with cartilage graft pathway in an attempt to capture the cartilage graft component of the procedure.

DECISION

This query will be forwarded to the NCCH for clarification and suggestion of index improvement in regards to the inclusion of the techniques used to close perforated nasal septum. In the interim, assign 41671-01 [379] *Closure of perforation of nasal septum* for repair of nasal septal perforation with cartilage graft.

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