



Western Australian Coding Rule

0613/08 Intraperitoneal infusion of ADEPT

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Patient with pelvic/abdominal pain had laparoscopy, adhesiolysis and Infusion of 'ADEPT' intraperitoneally. We have coded it to: Pharmacotherapy / intracavitary = 96201-09 in the interim. Should we code it and if so is there a better code than this?

A.

Adept is an adhesion reduction solution containing 4% icodextrin which is infused directly into the peritoneal cavity through laparoscopic ports to prevent adhesion formation after a laparoscopy. Adept is believed to perform its function through a physical effect by providing a temporary separation of peritoneal surfaces by hydroflotation as a result of maintaining a fluid reservoir. This minimises tissue apposition during the critical period of fibrin formation and mesothelial regeneration following surgery, thereby providing a barrier to adhesion formation.

We consider the intraperitoneal infusion of Adept post laparoscopic surgery to be inherent in the procedure and therefore should not be coded. This decision is in keeping with past advice from the NCCH regarding insertion of Seprafilm® (Coding Matters June 2008 vol. 15 no. 1).

DECISION

Intraperitoneal infusion of adhesion reduction solution following laparoscopic surgery should not be coded.

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