



Western Australian Coding Rule

0615/05 Erosive oesophagitis

Q.

Which code should be assigned for erosive oesophagitis? We have previously been assigning K21.0 Gastro-intestinal reflux disease with oesophagitis. Is this correct?

A.

Erosive oesophagitis may be due to gastro-oesophageal reflux. However, it may also be due to a number of other causes such as chemicals or trauma. It cannot be assumed that all cases of erosive oesophagitis are due to GORD.

Erosive oesophagitis should be coded to K20 *Oesophagitis* by looking up the lead term of 'oesophagitis' in the Index. There is no essential modifier for 'erosive'; therefore the default code of K20 must be assigned.

DECISION

Erosive oesophagitis should be coded to K20 *Oesophagitis* by looking up the lead term of 'oesophagitis' in the Index.

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