



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0915/02 Transverse upper segment caesarean section

### Q.

How should a transverse upper segment caesarean section be coded? Should it be coded to a classical caesarean?

### A.

Occasionally, a transverse incision in the upper segment of the uterus is used to perform a caesarean section when there is a transverse lie or a contraction ring. Clinical advice indicates that the best code for a transverse upper segment caesarean is a classical caesarean section.

### DECISION

**A transverse upper segment caesarean section should be coded to 16520-00 [1340] Elective classical caesarean section or 16520-01 [1340] Emergency classical caesarean section.**

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