



Western Australian Coding Rule

0916/13 Subcutaneous ICD lead insertion

WA Coding Rule 0915/03 *Subcutaneous ICD lead insertion* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Subcutaneous implantable cardiac defibrillator (S-ICD) electrodes*** (Ref No: Q3014) effective 1 October 2016; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0915/03 *Subcutaneous ICD lead insertion* is retired.

[Effective 1 Oct 2016, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 9th Ed.]



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Q.

Which code should be assigned for insertion of a subcutaneous ICD lead? There is no Index entry for this type of lead in ACHI.

A.

Insertion of a subcutaneous lead for an ICD involves tunnelling the lead from the generator pocket under the armpit to the sternal area. There is currently no Index entry for insertion of a subcutaneous ICD lead in ACHI. As this procedure is much less invasive than a traditional transvenous or epicardial lead insertion, it can be considered a component of the procedure of ICD insertion. Absence of a specific lead insertion code would indicate subcutaneous lead insertion.

DECISION

Insertion of a subcutaneous lead with insertion of an ICD does not require a procedure code. It is inherent in the ICD insertion procedure code. This query will be forwarded on to the ACCD for consideration of an Index entry in future editions of ACHI.

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