



Western Australian Coding Rule

1010/08 Pleural catheter insertion for administration of pain management

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What is the correct procedure code assignment for fitting of permanent catheter in the pleural cavity for administration of analgesia to the pleural cavity (lung metastases pain)? In the interim we have assigned 38806-00 [560] *Insertion of intercostal catheter for drainage*.

A.

We agree with your code allocation as the index pathway has been followed correctly:

Catheterisation, chest, closed (endoscopic) = 38806-00 [560] *Insertion of intercostal catheter for drainage*.

DECISION

Assign 38806-00 [560] *Insertion of intercostal catheter for drainage* for fitting of catheter in pleural cavity.

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