



Western Australian Coding Rule

0116/05 Transanal haemorrhoidal dearterialisation

WA Coding Rule 0713/01 *Transanal haemorrhoidal dearterialisation* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Haemorrhoidal artery ligation and rectal anal repair (HAL RAR)*** (Ref No: Q2902) effective 1 January 2015; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0713/01 *Transanal haemorrhoidal dearterialisation* is retired.

[Effective 01 January 2015, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 8th Ed.]



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0713/01 Transanal Haemorrhoidal Dearterialisation

Q.

What is the procedure code/s for transanal haemorrhoidal dearterialisation (THD)?

A.

Clinical advice was sought. THD is a non-excisional surgical technique aimed at elimination/destruction of haemorrhoids. The operation uses a miniature Doppler ultrasound sensor to locate all the distal branches of the superior rectal artery supplying the haemorrhoids. The surgeon then places a stitch around the artery at a depth determined by the Doppler device, thus interrupting the arterial blood supply to the haemorrhoids, resulting in a better balance of inflow and outflow of blood. Further stitches are placed to pull any excess (prolapsing portion of) haemorrhoidal tissue back up into the anal canal.

Once all the blood vessels supplying the haemorrhoids (usually 5-7 arteries but may be more or less depending on patient) have been tied off, the haemorrhoids shrink away and the symptoms resolve. The procedure is generally a lot more comfortable than conventional haemorrhoidectomy, in which the haemorrhoids are surgically excised. THD is also known as Doppler-guided Haemorrhoidal Artery Ligation Operation (HALO or HAL)

As the procedure is performed to eliminate/destroy haemorrhoids, follow the index pathway

Destruction

- haemorrhoids

and assign 32135-01 [941] *Destruction of haemorrhoids*.

DECISION

Assign 32135-01 [941] *Destruction of haemorrhoids* for transanal haemorrhoidal dearterialisation (THD), also known as haemorrhoidal artery ligation (HAL).

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