



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0215/06 Admission for removal of intercostal catheter

### Q.

For a patient admitted specifically for removal of a long-term intercostal catheter (ICC), what Z code do you assign as the principal diagnosis? The ICC was inserted for mesothelioma and is now to be removed under sedation due to 'output declining.'

### A.

There is no specific Index pathway for removal of an intercostal catheter. The most appropriate code to assign is Z45.89 *Adjustment and management of other implanted devices* by following the Index pathway:

Adjustment  
- catheter

## DECISION

**Admission for removal of intercostal catheter should be coded to Z45.89 *Adjustment and management of other implanted devices*.**

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