



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0716/12 Sedation other than intravenous or inhalational

WA Coding Rule 1110/08 *Sedation other than intravenous or inhalational* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Intramuscular sedation for anaesthesia*** (Ref No: Q2994) effective 1 July 2016; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

### DECISION

**WA Coding Rule 1110/08 *Sedation other than intravenous or inhalational* is retired.**

[Effective 01 July 2016, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 9<sup>th</sup> Ed.]



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### Q.

Intramuscular and intranasal sedation are often used for minor procedures such as wound suturing. The patient requires four hours of observation post sedation/procedure before they can be discharged. Should these forms of sedation be coded?

### A.

*ACS 0031 Anaesthesia* states:

The distinction between sedation and general anaesthesia is often unclear from clinical documentation. For the purposes of classification in ACHI, **92515-XX [1910] Sedation may be assigned where the anaesthetic is administered as per general anaesthesia (i.e. intravenous or inhalational or both)** and there is no documentation of the use of an artificial airway, such as an endotracheal tube, laryngeal mask or Guedel airway.

In accordance with ACS 0031 only inhalational or intravenous sedation should be coded. This overrides the previous CAP decision to code intramuscular sedation.

The committee did not consider intranasal to be a form of inhalational sedation.

## DECISION

**Only intravenous or inhalational forms of sedation should be coded.**

[Effective 17 November 2010, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 7<sup>th</sup> Ed.]