



Western Australian Coding Rule

0719/13 Postpartum haemorrhage

WA Coding Rule 1017/03 *Postpartum haemorrhage* is retired.

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition (effective 1 July 2019), the concepts atonic uterus and retained placenta have been unbundled from postpartum haemorrhage in the ICD-10-AM Alphabetic Index, enabling multiple concepts to be coded as per the Multiple Condition Coding convention.

DECISION

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1017/03 Postpartum haemorrhage

Q.

When a patient has postpartum haemorrhage documented as due to atonic uterus and retained fragments, can multiple codes from block *O72 Postpartum haemorrhage* be assigned?

A.

Advice was sought from the ACCD and is being published as a WA Coding Rule because the ACCD response will not be published nationally.

Atonic (atony of) uterus is the failure of the uterus to contract during labour or following delivery, and is the most common cause of postpartum haemorrhage. Where atonic uterus is documented with PPH, assign *O72.1 Other immediate postpartum haemorrhage*; atonic uterus is inherent in this code as evidenced by the Alphabetic Index:

Haemorrhage, haemorrhagic

-postpartum (atonic) (following delivery of placenta) NEC *O72.1*

There is currently nothing to preclude the assignment of multiple codes from category *O72 Postpartum haemorrhage*, where applicable to the documented case (and meeting the criteria in *ACS 0002 Additional diagnoses*).

PPH due to atonic uterus and retained fragments is assigned the following codes:

O72.1 Other immediate postpartum haemorrhage

O72.2 Delayed and secondary postpartum haemorrhage

Following the ICD-10-AM Alphabetic Index:

Haemorrhage, haemorrhagic

-postpartum (atonic) (following delivery of placenta) NEC *O72.1*

--delayed or secondary *O72.2*

DECISION

Multiple codes from category *O72 Postpartum haemorrhage* can be assigned when applicable and meet the criteria in *ACS 0002 Additional diagnoses* for code assignment.

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