



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0809/01 Unable to void

### Q.

Could you please clarify how to code "unable to void" when no urinary retention is mentioned and urinary catheter is used.

### A.

Retention should be documented to code R33. If it is not documented, then unable to void should be assigned code R39.1 *Other Difficulties with Micturition*.

### DECISION

**Unless urinary retention is documented, "unable to void" should be coded to R39.1 *Other Difficulties with Micturition*.**

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