



Western Australian Coding Rule

0813/02 Type 2 Diabetes mellitus with fatty liver

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If there is only documentation of 'fatty liver' as 'past medical history' in the notes and there is clearly no history of alcohol use, then can we code this as E11.72 *Diabetes with features of insulin resistance*, or does 'fatty liver' have to be documented as a current condition in that admission, as per the instructions for obesity and dyslipidaemia? I.e. can fatty liver be reversed?

A.

NCCC Q&A June 2012 stated "...if conditions which previously contributed to the assignment of E1-.72 *Diabetes mellitus with features of insulin resistance* (such as obesity or characteristic dyslipidaemia) are no longer current, then these conditions should no longer be considered as contributing to the criteria for assignment of E1-.72 *Diabetes mellitus with features of insulin resistance*."

Clinical advice indicates that potentially fatty liver disease is completely reversible. Therefore there must be documentation of fatty liver disease as a current condition in the episode of care for E1-.72 *Diabetes mellitus with features of insulin resistance* to be assigned.

DECISION

Nonalcoholic fatty liver disease or non-alcoholic steatohepatitis must be documented as a current condition in the episode of care for E1-.72 *Diabetes mellitus with features of insulin resistance* to be assigned.

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