



Western Australian Coding Rule

0919/02 Repeat cardiac ablation or cardioversion

Q.

Does the ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation procedures* instruction to assign a reoperation code apply to repeat cardiac ablation or cardioversion, often documented as “re-do” procedure?

A.

ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation procedures* states:

Revision or reoperation procedures are more complex than initial cardiac and vascular procedures and result in a significant increase in resource consumption. They are most commonly performed for valve replacements, CABGs (coronary artery bypass grafts) and in paediatric procedures such as conduit replacement in congenital heart disease.

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Reoperation codes should only be assigned when it is necessary to ‘redo’ or revise the same cardiovascular procedure. These codes are not intended to be used for a subsequent opening of the operative site for treatment of an unrelated condition.

ACS 0934 implies that a reoperation code is appropriate when there is re-opening of an operative site (i.e. surgical) to revise the same procedure, which is reinforced by the ACHI Tabular List Instruction:

38640-00 [664] *Reoperation for other cardiac procedure, not elsewhere classified*
Code first: surgical procedure(s) performed

Cardiac ablation is an intravascular catheter based procedure; and cardioversion a medical procedure. These are not considered to be surgical procedures for the purpose of ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation procedures*.

DECISION

Cardiac ablation and cardioversion are not considered surgical procedures for the purpose of ACS 0934 *Cardiac and vascular revision/reoperation procedures*.

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