



Western Australian Coding Rule

0110/16 Eye infection versus endophthalmitis

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What is the correct code for eye infection?

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The index look-up for eye infection takes the coder to H44.0 *Purulent Endophthalmitis*. Endophthalmitis is a rare infection of the internal structures of the eyeball. A more common site of infection is the eyelid or conjunctiva, hence the coder should search for more specific documentation, or query with the clinician.

DECISION

Endophthalmitis is a rare diagnosis. Check documentation carefully to ensure a true diagnosis of endophthalmitis.

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