



Western Australian Coding Rule

0210/11 Facial sling procedure

Q.

"Facial sling" procedure performed to repair the contour of the face following radical neck dissection. Op report states "ellipse of skin excised" "facial sling secured to deep muscles". What is the correct procedure code for this procedure?

A.

Following index pathway Suspension, for facial nerve paralysis assign 45581-01 [1692] *Excision of tissue for facial nerve paralysis with suspension*. If there is documentation of muscle transfer, assign 45578-00 [1692] *Muscle transfer for facial nerve paralysis*. Clinical advice was sought and the clinician agreed with this procedure code assignment.

DECISION

Facial sling procedure involving “excision of skin and sling secured to deep muscles” should be coded 45581-01 [1692] *Excision of tissue for facial nerve paralysis with suspension*.

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