



Western Australian Coding Rule

0318/33 IV administration of methotrexate for a non-neoplastic condition

Coders should be guided by the ACHI Tabular List notes at block [1920] *Administration for pharmacotherapy*.

WA Coding Rule 1112/06 *IV administration of methotrexate for a non-neoplastic condition* is therefore retired.

DECISION

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What is the correct procedure code for administration of methotrexate for a non-neoplastic condition?

A.

An old query on the WA Query Database recommends a procedure code that is no longer valid.

Query W225: What procedure code would you use for injection of Methotrexate for psoriasis?

Answer: An injection of Methotrexate (antineoplastic agent) may be given to patients suffering from non-cancer conditions such as glaucoma, psoriasis, rheumatoid arthritis, anaemia and ectopic pregnancy. Code 13915-00, Chemotherapy, intravenous administration <= 1 hour, may be used for all patients requiring this treatment, not only cases of carcinoma.

Many drugs can be used for treatment of either neoplastic or non-neoplastic conditions. The procedure code for pharmacotherapy should be assigned based on the intention of the treatment, not on the type of drug administered.

If methotrexate is administered for a condition such as psoriasis or other non-neoplastic condition, it should be assigned a code of 96199-09 [1920] *Intravenous administration of pharmacological agent, other and unspecified pharmacological agent*.

DECISION

Methotrexate administered for a non-neoplastic condition should be assigned a code of 96199-09 [1920] *Intravenous administration of pharmacological agent, other and unspecified pharmacological agent*.

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