



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0519/01 Colonoscopy with excision of anal skin tags

### Q.

What ACHI code(s) should be assigned for excision of anal skin tags performed at completion of colonoscopy?

### A.

The following Alphabetic Index pathways are relevant:

**Colonoscopy** (beyond hepatic flexure)(fiberoptic)(long)(to caecum) 32090-00 [905]  
 - with  
 --excision of  
 ...  
 --- skin tag, anal (multiple) 32093-00 [911]

and

### Excision

- skin (subcutaneous tissue)  
 - - tags  
 - - - anus  
 - - - - by  
 - - - - - colonoscopy 32093-00

It is acknowledged that skin tag excision would not be performed 'by colonoscopy' (i.e. using a colonoscope instrument to perform the excision), however the other Index entry 'with' leads to the same code assignment *32093-00 Fiberoptic colonoscopy to caecum, with polypectomy* and should be followed.

### DECISION

**Assign the appropriate colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy 'with polypectomy' code for anal skin tag excision performed before or after colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy, in the same visit to theatre/procedural unit.**

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