



Western Australian Coding Rule

0719/55 Turbinoplasty

ACCD Coding Rule ***Turbinoplasty*** (Ref No: Q3035) was retired on 30 June 2019.

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Eleventh Edition (effective 1 July 2019), an ACHI code was created for turbinoplasty.



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0716/09 Turbinoplasty

WA Coding Rule 0815/03 *Turbinoplasty* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Turbinoplasty*** (Ref No: Q3035) effective 1 July 2016; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0815/03 *Turbinoplasty* is retired.

[Effective 01 July 2016, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 9th Ed.]

RETIRED



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0815/03 Turbinoplasty

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What is the correct procedure code to assign for a turbinoplasty?

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There is no ACHI Index entry for turbinoplasty. Both turbinectomy and turbinoplasty are performed to reduce the size of the nasal turbinates. A turbinoplasty is usually performed by one of two methods (or a combination of the two):

- Outfracture technique – the turbinates are fractured and repositioned towards the lateral wall of the nasal cavity
- Submucous resection technique – soft tissue is separated from the bone of the turbinate. Then a portion of the bone may be removed or a microdebrider is used to debulk the soft tissue and/or bone

ACHI contains Index entries for fracture of nasal turbinates and resection of nasal turbinates (turbinectomy) by submucous resection. Both of these Index pathways have options for bilateral or unilateral.

If the documentation specifies whether the turbinoplasty was performed by either of these methods, the appropriate Index pathways should be followed to assign a code for fracture of turbinates or SMR of turbinates.

If no information is available about the turbinoplasty technique, coders should use the lead term of 'turbinectomy' and select 'partial' and then the appropriate entry for unilateral or bilateral. A code for total turbinectomy should not be used as turbinoplasty does not remove the entire turbinate.

DECISION

A turbinoplasty may be coded to one of three codes, depending on the documentation:

- **41686-0x [381] *Surgical fracture of nasal turbinates***
- **41692-0x [376] *Submucous resection of turbinate***
- **41689-0x [376] *Partial turbinectomy***

A code for total turbinectomy is not appropriate as turbinoplasty does not remove the entire turbinate. This query will be sent to the ACCD.

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