



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0810/07 Open biopsy (frozen section) during surgery

### Q.

Frozen section biopsy during surgery. Is this still coded as biopsy when the purpose is to excise a lesion/organ anyway?

### A.

When a frozen section is performed and followed by an excision procedure for the same visit to theatre, assign only a code for the excision procedure that is performed.

### DECISION

**Do not code frozen biopsy when followed by an excision procedure of the same area in the same visit to theatre.**

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