



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 1116/06 Grafting in ACL/PCL reconstruction

### Q.

Should a graft and/or its harvest be coded when it is used in an ACL or PCL reconstruction?

### A.

A reconstruction (as opposed to a repair) of the ACL or PCL involves grafting to reconstruct the injury or defect. The most common grafts are autografts from the patellar tendon, quadriceps tendon or hamstring tendon. An allograft from a deceased donor may also be used.

Rarely, repair of the ACL or PCL may be performed by suturing alone of the injury, however reconstruction requires a graft to replace the injured ligament.

### DECISION

**Grafting and procurement of the graft are inherent in reconstruction of the ACL/PCL and should not be coded separately.**

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