



Western Australian Coding Rule

0318/60 Cancelled chemotherapy

WA Coding Rule 0514/02 *Cancelled chemotherapy* is retired.

This Rule was for interpretation of the [Admission, Readmission, Discharge and Transfer Policy](#) (MP 0058/17); and coders should be guided by this policy and the supplementary document *Clinical coding guidelines: Admission for elective procedures not performed* (available on the WA Clinical Coding Authority website).

DECISION

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Q.

What is the correct coding for a same day episode where the patient was admitted for chemotherapy which was cancelled due to anaemia? The anaemia was treated by RBC transfusion and the patient was discharged on the same day. Should Z51.1 be assigned as an AD?

A.

The Flowchart in Appendix 1 of the WA Coding Standards should be followed to code this case. This will lead the coder to the following instruction: "Code the condition or symptom that required continuing admission as the Principal Diagnosis, and the condition the elective procedure was for as Additional Diagnosis, followed by Z53.0." The correct coding is as follows:

PD: D64.9 Anaemia, unspecified

AD:

Z51.1 *Pharmacotherapy session for neoplasm*

Neoplasm codes

Z53.0 Procedure not carried out because of contraindication

PP: 13706-02 [1893] *Administration of packed cells*

Z51.1 may be assigned as an additional diagnosis as this represents the reason for the elective procedure, along with the neoplasm codes. There is no instruction in ACS 0044 *Chemotherapy* that Z51.1 cannot be assigned as an additional diagnosis.

DECISION

In the case of cancelled chemotherapy due to a contraindication that is treated and the patient discharged the same day, Z51.1 *Pharmacotherapy session for neoplasm* may be assigned as an additional diagnosis to represent the reason for the elective procedure.

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