



Western Australian Coding Rule

0319/03 Allergic reaction to bee venom immunotherapy

WA Coding Rule 0318/50 *Allergic reaction to bee venom administered during venom immunotherapy (Ultrarush dosing schedule)* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule **Allergic reaction to bee venom immunotherapy** (Ref No: Q3374) effective 1 April 2019; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0318/50 *Allergic reaction to bee venom administered during venom immunotherapy (Ultrarush dosing schedule)* is retired.

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0318/50 Allergic reaction to bee venom administered during venom immunotherapy (Ultrarush dosing schedule)

Q.

What codes should be assigned for an allergic reaction to bee venom administered during venom immunotherapy (Ultrarush dosing schedule)?

A.

Venom immunotherapy involves injection of small but increasing quantities of venom to reduce patient sensitivity. See ACS 1923 *Contact with venomous/nonvenomous creatures*.

An allergic reaction to bee venom administered during immunotherapy is an adverse effect of bee venom properly administered. See ACS 1902 *Adverse effects*.

Adverse effects (including allergic reactions) of correct substances properly administered are coded according to the nature of the adverse effect, together with an external cause code to indicate the responsible agent. For an allergic reaction to bee venom properly administered, assign:

1. Code/s for the nature of the allergic reaction.
I.e. assign code/s for the specific manifestations documented such as rash, nausea and vomiting, epigastric pain, headache etc.
2. External cause code Y59.8 *Other specified vaccines and biological substances causing adverse effects in therapeutic use*, following the Table of drugs and chemicals at:

Immunological agent

- specified NEC (Therapeutic use, adverse effect in) Y59.8

3. Y92.2x Place of occurrence, health services area
4. U73.8 Other specified activity

For an allergic reaction NOS to bee venom properly administered (i.e. no specific manifestation/s documented), assign:

1. T88.7 *Unspecified adverse effect of drug or medicament*, following Index pathway:

Allergy, allergic (reaction)

- biological – see Allergy/drug, medicament and biological

Allergy, allergic (reaction)

- drug, medicament and biological (any) (correct medicinal substance properly administered) (external) (internal) T88.7

2. Y59.8 Other specified vaccines and biological substances causing adverse effects in therapeutic use
3. Y92.2x Place of occurrence, health services area
4. U73.8 Other specified activity

Note: following the Tabular *Excludes* note, codes for specific manifestations (i.e. A00–R99, T80–T88.6, T88.8) cannot be assigned with T88.7.

DECISION For allergic reaction to bee venom administered during venom immunotherapy, assign code/s for the nature of the allergic reaction plus Y59.8, Y92.2x and U73.8.

For allergic reaction NOS to bee venom administered during venom immunotherapy, assign T88.7 plus Y59.8, Y92.2x and U73.8.

This WA Coding Rule 0318/50 *Allergic reaction to Ultrarush* supersedes WA Coding Rule 0710/02 *Allergic reaction to Ultrarush*.

A query will be submitted to the ACCD requesting national instruction for classification of allergic reactions to venom during immunotherapy.

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0710/02 Allergic reaction to Ultrarush

Q.

A child is admitted for bee venom immunotherapy 0.6ml of 100mc/ml monthly. First injection as inpatient only local reaction - coded to desensitisation. However admitted after second injection because of reaction i.e. rash, nausea & vomiting, epigastric pain & headache following administration of Ultrarush. Do we code this to T80.5 Y59.8 or T881 Y598 or code out symptoms & add Y598.

A.

This is a reaction to bee venom, however the classification only allows this to be coded as a bee sting which does not reflect the situation accurately.

We advise to code this as a complication of immunotherapy:

T88.1	Other complications following immunisation NEC
Y59.8	Other specified vaccines and biological substances causing adverse effects in therapeutic use
Y92.22	Health service area
U73.8	Injury or poisoning which engaged in other specified activity

DECISION

Assign

T88.1	Other complications following immunisation NEC
Y59.8	Other specified vaccines and biological substances causing adverse effects in therapeutic use
Y92.22	Health service area
U73.8	Injury or poisoning which engaged in other specified activity

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