



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0410/05 Transvaginal oocyte aspiration (TVOA) pre-chemotherapy

### Q.

A query has been raised regarding coding of diagnosis: “TVOA - Pre Chemo”. The patient had Transvaginal Oocyte Aspiration (TVOA) performed. Does ACS 0236 *Neoplasm coding and sequencing* apply in this situation and should the malignancy (in this case breast cancer) be assigned as principal diagnosis and Z31.2 *In vitro Fertilisation* as additional?

### A.

Assign Z31.2 *In vitro Fertilisation* following the Alphabetic Index pathway:

Admission

- ovum procurement or implantation

The rationale for not coding breast cancer as principal diagnosis is that the procedure is not for treatment of breast cancer or prophylactic treatment of breast cancer. It is to harvest the eggs before chemotherapy treatment and the possibility of infertility following this.

The rationale for not adhering to the same logic as “dental clearance prior to radiotherapy” in ACS 0236 *Neoplasm coding and sequencing* is that there is an indexed code for admission for harvesting of eggs (Z31.2), where admission for dental extraction does not.

ACS 1437 *Infertility* is not applicable as there is no diagnosis of infertility - just possible infertility following chemotherapy.

### DECISION

**Assign Z31.2 *In vitro Fertilisation* for the diagnosis “TVOA – pre-chemotherapy”.**

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