



Western Australian Coding Rule

0417/10 Lord's plication of hydrocele

WA Coding Rule 0516/03 *Lord's plication of hydrocele* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Lord's plication of hydrocele*** (Ref No: Q3075) effective 1 April 2017; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0516/03 *Lord's plication of hydrocele* is retired.

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Q.

What procedure code should be assigned for Lord's plication of hydrocele? There is no Index entry for plication of hydrocele.

A.

Plication of a hydrocele sac is suitable for smaller thin walled hydroceles. The hydrocele is opened with a small skin incision, drained and the sac size is reduced by folding or making tucks in its surface and these folds are sutured.

As there is no entry for plication of hydrocele in the ACHI Alphabetic Index, coders should assign codes for the components of the procedure performed.

A code for drainage of the hydrocele should be assigned by following the Index pathway:

Aspiration
-hydrocele, tunica vaginalis

30628-00 [1171] *Percutaneous aspiration of hydrocele*

A code for reduction of the sac size by folding and suturing should also be assigned by following the Index pathway:

Procedure
- scrotum

90398-01 [1176] *Other procedures on scrotum or tunica vaginalis*

DECISION

An Index entry does not currently exist in ACHI for Lord's plication of a hydrocele. Coders should assign 30628-00 [1171] *Percutaneous aspiration of hydrocele* and 90398-01 [1176] *Other procedures on scrotum or tunica vaginalis* to reflect the components of the procedure.

This query will be sent to the ACCD.

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