



Western Australian Coding Rule

0612/01 Nasojejunal feeding tube

Q.

Can you advise the correct code for insertion of a feeding nasojejunal tube performed under GA with a gastroscopy, for treatment of a gastro bronchial fistula?

A.

Insertion of a feeding nasojejunal tube is an enteral tube feeding. There is no index for insertion tube, feeding nasojejunal, only nasogastric. So we go up a level and we have insertion tube, intestine, small, jejunum and we are forced to look at jejunostomy. Jejunostomy feeding takes us to 31462-00 [892] *insertion of feeding jejunostomy tube*. If we look up duodenoscopy with insertion tube jejunum we are capturing the endoscopic part, however it takes us to percutaneous endoscopic jejunostomy [PEJ] when we check the code in the tabular. Both look-ups are directing us to jejunostomy. The classification is being very literal interpreting that there is an opening from the jejunum to the outside of the body - be it via a tube.

The endoscopic pathway must take precedent over the plain insertion. Therefore the correct code, following the endoscopic pathway is 30478-05 [892] even though it is not a true PEJ, the endoscopic insertion of NJ is included in this code, because of the index lookup using duodenoscopy with.

Interestingly MBS item number (31456) gastroscopy and insertion of nasogastric or nasoenteral feeding tube, with a multiple service rule, maps to ACHI as the scope.

DECISION

Insertion of a feeding nasojejunal tube via gastroscopy is assigned 30478-05 [892] *Percutaneous endoscopic jejunostomy*.

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