



Western Australian Coding Rule

0709/04 Bleb post trabeculectomy

Q.

Patient with a diagnosis of bleb failure left eye and procedure done is needling of trabeculectomy bleb. Is this coded as postoperative complication? And what diagnosis and procedure codes should be assigned?

A.

We do not advise coding this as a complication. The procedure performed is a revision of scleral fistulisation and glaucoma is the principal diagnosis. The presence of the bleb is not a complication. If the bleb has become infected then code as a complication.

DECISION

Assign H40.9 *Glaucoma* and 42749-00 [191] *Revision of scleral fistulisation for needling of bleb post trabeculectomy.*

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