



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0711/08 Light sedation

### Q.

Should low dose of intravenous Midazolam be coded as sedation, when it is just intended to relax the patient prior to a procedure, rather than induce twilight sedation?

### A.

It is not up to the coder to interpret the intent of the dosage. If intravenous Midazolam is administered for a procedure, regardless of where documented, assign 92515-xx [1910] *Sedation*. Sedation changes eligibility for Type C procedures to meet the criteria for admission, hence it is important that sedation is consistently and uniformly coded.

## DECISION

**A coder should not interpret the intent of the dosage. If intravenous Midazolam is administered for a procedure, regardless of where documented, assign 92515-xx [1910] *Sedation*.**

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