



Western Australian Coding Rule

0714/01 Gastric stimulation therapy

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Please confirm 39138-00 [67] *Insertion of other peripheral nerve electrodes*, is the correct code assignment when gastric stimulation therapy is performed for patients with intractable gastroparesis.

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Assign 39138-00 [67] *Insertion of other peripheral nerve electrodes* for insertion of temporary or permanent electrodes into the stomach muscle wall (to deliver a regulated rhythmic pulse) for the purpose of gastric stimulation therapy.

Temporary electrodes are placed on a trial basis. These electrodes are connected to a neurostimulator worn externally. Patients proceed to permanent insertion of electrodes/neurostimulator if they show improvement in symptoms and function during the trial.

For electrodes inserted endoscopically, assign an additional code to capture the endoscopy. Electrodes can also be inserted via an existing PEG tube.

For insertion of permanent electrodes (via laparoscopy/laparotomy) and neurostimulator placed subcutaneously, code also insertion of the neurostimulator 39134-01 [1604] *Insertion of subcutaneously implanted neurostimulator*.

DECISION

Assign 39138-00 [67] *Insertion of other peripheral nerve electrodes* for insertion of temporary or permanent electrodes. For endoscopic insertion of electrodes, assign an additional code to capture the endoscopy. For insertion of neurostimulator, code also: 39134-01 [1604] *Insertion of subcutaneously implanted neurostimulator*.

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