



# Western Australian Coding Rule

## 0715/12 Ligation of left atrial appendage

ACCD Coding Rule ***Procedures on the left atrial appendage (LAA)*** (Ref No: Q2664) was retired on 30 June 2015.

In Ninth Edition (effective 1 July 2015) a newACHI Alphabetic Index entry was created for ligation of left atrial appendage.



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WA Coding Rule 0810/08 *Ligation of left atrial appendage* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule **Procedures on the left atrial appendage (LAA)** (Ref No: Q2664) effective 1 January 2012; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

### DECISION

**WA Coding Rule 0810/08 *Ligation of left atrial appendage* is retired.**

[Effective 1 January 2012, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 7<sup>th</sup> Ed.]



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### Q.

Ligation of left atrial appendage with pledgeted sutures after ablation with radiofrequency, performed as an open procedure during a CABG.

Is the code included in the procedure block of 601 'destruction procedures on atrium' i.e. ablation of the arrhythmia circuit or focus of the atrium or does it qualify for block 602 'excision procedures on atrium' or block 606 'other procedures on atrium'?

### A.

This is a similar procedure to a left atrial occlusion (April 2010 coding committee decision), however instead of placement of an implant in the atrial appendage via catheter, an "endoloop" or suturing of the atrial appendage is performed at time of CABG.

Closure of the left atrial appendage will reduce or eliminate the need for warfarin and help prevent embolic events.

There is no code available for this procedure.

A query will be sent to the NCCC. In the interim:

Code atrial appendage ligation the same way as atrial appendage occlusion (April 2010 decision), but code open approach instead of percutaneous, and assign 38742-02 [617] *Closure of atrial septal defect*.

If ablation with radiofrequency (MAZE procedure) performed, assign also 38287-04 [601] *Open ablation of arrhythmia circuit or focus involving left atrial chamber*.

## DECISION

**A query will be sent to the NCCC. In the interim assign 38742-02 [617] *Closure of atrial septal defect* for ligation of left atrial appendage at time of CABG. Assign also a code for ablation if performed.**

[Effective 18 Jan 2012, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 7<sup>th</sup> Ed.]