



Western Australian Coding Rule

0815/07 Co-ablation of laryngotracheal papillomatosis

WA Coding Rule 0714/06 *Co-ablation of laryngotracheal papillomatosis* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule ***Coblation of the laryngotrachea*** (Ref No: Q2928) effective 1 October 2015; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0714/06 *Co-ablation of laryngotracheal papillomatosis* is retired.

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How do you code co-ablation of laryngotracheal papillomatosis?

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Co-ablation (cryo-ablation, cold ablation, controlled ablation) uses a bipolar radio frequency probe which ionises a normal saline solution, creating a plasma. Directed plasma can excise tissue or destroy/dissolve tissue. Co-ablation uses a lower temperature than other treatments, with minimal heat damage to surrounding tissue (Radiofrequency cold ablation 2012; Coblation In Brief 2009).

Co-ablation can be used to excise 'large' amounts of tissue, such as a tonsil in tonsillectomy. Co-ablation can also be used to destroy/dissolve small amounts of tissue, such as papillomata, as is the scenario for co-ablation of laryngotracheal papillomatosis.

Co-ablation is not specifically indexed in ACHI; however we can apply the coding logic from the current, advice for radio frequency ablation of kidney (CCWA, December 2009) to assign codes for co-ablation of laryngotracheal papillomatosis. For instance, there is no destruction code for the kidney, so ablation of kidney is coded to 90354-00 [1064] *Other procedures on kidney*. Thus, as there are no destruction codes for the larynx or trachea, co-ablation of the larynx and trachea is coded to:

Procedure

- Larynx NEC 90160-00 [531] *Other procedures on larynx*

and

Procedure

-Trachea NEC 90162-00 [542] *Other procedures on trachea*

DECISION

This query will be forwarded to the NCCH. In the interim, assign 90160-00 [531] *Other procedures on larynx* and 90162-00 [542] *Other procedures on trachea*, for co-ablation of laryngotracheal papillomatosis.

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