



Western Australian Coding Rule

0817/05 Bone graft with open reduction and internal fixation (ORIF) of fracture

WA Coding Rule 0916/02 *Bone graft with ORIF* is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule **Bone graft with open reduction and internal fixation of fracture** (Ref No: Q3138) effective 15 September 2017; (log in to view on the [ACCD CLIP portal](#)).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0916/02 *Bone graft with ORIF* is retired.

[Effective 15 September 2017, ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS 10th Ed.]



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0916/02 Bone graft with ORIF

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What procedure code should be assigned for a bone graft performed in conjunction with an ORIF?

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In an open reduction with internal fixation (ORIF), fractured bones are 'reduced' into normal anatomical position, then internally fixed (with rods, pins, plates, screws, wires etc) to ensure the fracture stays reduced and heals in alignment.

A bone graft may be performed in addition to the ORIF. The bone graft itself may or may not be held in place with internal fixation.

ACHI bone graft with internal fixation codes, such as 48242-00 [1569] *Bone graft with internal fixation, not elsewhere classified*, should only be assigned when the internal fixation is specifically for holding the bone graft in place.

Some examples of procedure code assignment, depending on operation report documentation, are:

ORIF code + 48239-00 [1569] *Bone graft, not elsewhere classified*

or

ORIF code + 48242-00 [1569] *Bone graft with internal fixation, not elsewhere classified*

DECISION

ACHI codes for bone graft with internal fixation should only be assigned when the internal fixation is specifically for holding the bone graft in place. They should not be assigned when a bone graft which is not held in place by internal fixation is performed in the same operative episode as an ORIF.

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