Western Australian Coding Rule

1218/02 Trapeziectomy and abductor pollicis longus (APL) suspensionplasty

Q.
What code/s should be assigned for trapeziectomy and abductor pollicis longus (APL) suspensionplasty?

A.
There are several operative procedures for treating patients with thumb carpometacarpal (CMC) joint arthritis. These include simple excision of the trapezium; ligament reconstruction and tendon interposition (LRTI) arthroplasty of the joint; suspension arthroplasty using part of the flexor carpi radialis (FCR) tendon, abductor pollicis longus (APL) tendon, extensor carpi radialis longus (ECRL) tendon, or a suture button; and trapezial prosthesis replacement.

Trapeziectomy, formation of a tendon sling/suspensionplasty, and filling of burr holes with bone are not specifically indexed in ACHI; however they are components of the procedure: 46324-00 [1468] Arthroplasty of carpal bone.

Index pathway
Transfer, tendon, hand, with arthroplasty, carpal bone, 46324-00 [1468]

Tabular List
46324-00 [1468] Arthroplasty of carpal bone
Inclusion terms (not exhaustive):
Replacement of carpal bone using adjacent tendon or other soft tissue (this would be for a interpositional arthroplasty of carpal bone; suspensionplasty produces the same result)
Resection arthroplasty of carpal bone (e.g. trapeziectomy)
Includes notes:
synovectomy
 tendon transfer or realignment (e.g. formation of a tendon sling)

DECISION
This query will be submitted to the ACCD. In the meantime, assign 46324-00 [1468] Arthroplasty of carpal bone for trapeziectomy and abductor pollicis longus suspensionplasty.

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