Western Australian Coding Rule

0114/02 Infra-orbital bruise

Q. What is the best code to assign for infra-orbital bruise?

A. There is no index entry for ‘contusion, infra-orbital’. As the bruise is described as being below the orbit (infra = below), it would be incorrect to select ‘contusion, orbit’ and assign S05.1 Contusion of eyelid and orbital tissues. The bruise does not involve the orbital tissues or eyeball, rather it is below the eye.

A supraorbital contusion is assigned to S00.85 Superficial injury of other parts of head, contusion by following the index entry ‘contusion, supraorbital’. Following this logic, an infra-orbital bruise should also be assigned to this code.

DECISION

Infra-orbital bruise should be assigned to S00.85 Superficial injury of other parts of head, contusion, following the logic of the index entry for supraorbital bruise.

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