Western Australian Coding Rule

0215/06  Admission for removal of intercostal catheter

Q.
For a patient admitted specifically for removal of a long-term intercostal catheter (ICC), what Z code do you assign as the principal diagnosis? The ICC was inserted for mesothelioma and is now to be removed under sedation due to 'output declining.'

A.
There is no specific Index pathway for removal of an intercostal catheter. The most appropriate code to assign is Z45.89 Adjustment and management of other implanted devices by following the Index pathway:

Adjustment  
- catheter

DECISION
Admission for removal of intercostal catheter should be coded to Z45.89 Adjustment and management of other implanted devices.

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