Western Australian Coding Rule

0311/03  Retrobulbar or peribulbar block

Q.
Should retrobulbar or peribulbar injection be coded as regional anaesthesia? Some anaesthetists refer to these blocks as local anaesthesia in their documentation.

A.
If the anaesthetist specifies that the retrobulbar or peribulbar block is a regional block then assign 92509-xx [1909] Regional block, nerve of head or neck. If the retrobulbar or peribulbar block is specified as being a local anaesthetic by the anaesthetist follow ACS 0031 Anaesthesia, Classification point 4. When the documentation on the anaesthetic record is unclear as to whether it is a regional block or local anaesthetic, assume local anaesthetic and do not code.

DECISION
If retrobulbar or peribulbar block is specified as being a regional block by the anaesthetist assign 92509-xx [1909] Regional block, nerve of head or neck. If the documentation is unclear or specified as local anaesthetic, do not code.

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