Western Australian Coding Rule

0311/07 Insertion of IOL following traumatic cataract

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Patient had a penetrating eye injury and traumatic cataract. In the initial admission patient had repair of eyeball and lensectomy. They came back a couple of months later for insertion of lens. Is the second admission coded to aphakia with sequelae codes, or is the original injury coded?

A.
Follow ACS 0701 Cataract. The admission is for the secondary insertion of an IOL in that the lens was not put in at the time of the initial injury or surgery, but at a later date. Therefore the principal diagnosis is H27.0 Aphakia. There is no need to code sequelae codes as the lens was surgically removed.

DECISION

Assign H27.0 Aphakia for subsequent admission for IOL insertion following traumatic cataract treatment.

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