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Follow ACS 1904 *Procedural complications* for classification of postprocedural complications.

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Q.
What is the correct way to code blisters caused by friction between dressings and suture lines? This is often documented for patients post knee or hip operations.

A.
There is no specific Index entry or code for postprocedural friction blisters in ICD-10-AM.

Following the instructions in ACS 1904 *Procedural complications* leads to assignment of T81.8 *Other complications of procedures, NEC* by looking up *Complication - postprocedural - - specified NEC T81.8.*

According to ACS 1904, an additional code from Chapters 1 to 19 should be assigned where it provides further specificity.

In these cases, an S code for the blisters should also be assigned, such as S70.82 *Blister of hip and thigh* or S80.82 *Blister of lower leg.*

**DECISION**

Postprocedural blisters due to friction between dressings and suture lines should be coded to T81.8 *Other complications of procedures, NEC* followed by an S code to reflect the site of the blisters.

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