Western Australian Coding Rule

0318/29 Same-day endoscopy for follow-up of polyps

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Tenth Edition, ACS 0052 Same-day endoscopy – Surveillance provides guidelines on code assignment for same-day endoscopy for follow-up of polyps. WA Coding Rule 1215/03 Same-day endoscopy for follow-up of polyps is therefore retired.

DECISION

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1215/03 Same-day endoscopy for follow-up of polyps

Q. What codes should be assigned when a patient has a colonoscopy to follow up a polyp but the previous type of polyp is unknown, or it is known and a different polyp is found?

A. The following scenarios have been raised:

1. A patient is admitted for follow up of colonic polyp by colonoscopy but the type of polyp previously found is unknown. This admission, a polyp is excised and histopathology shows a tubular adenoma of the sigmoid.

For this scenario, the condition being followed up is a polyp. A polyp is found on examination. The specific type of polyp is a tubular adenoma. As the condition being followed up has been found, coders should follow ACS 2113 Follow-up examinations for specific disorders and assign the following diagnosis codes:

- D12.5 Benign neoplasm of sigmoid colon
- MB211/0 Tubular adenoma NOS
- Z09. Follow-up examination after treatment for conditions other than malignant neoplasms.

Note: coders should endeavour to find out what type of polyp is being followed up by examining other parts of the medical record such as correspondence and previous admissions.

2. A patient is admitted for a colonoscopy to follow up a previously excised tubular adenoma of the sigmoid. This admission, a polyp is found in the transverse colon and histopathology shows it to be a hyperplastic polyp.

For this scenario, an adenoma is being followed up. No adenoma has been found. There is an incidental finding of a hyperplastic polyp. In contrast to same day endoscopies for investigation of symptoms (ACS 0046), incidental findings in follow-up cases are not usually coded; however in this case the hyperplastic polyp meets the criteria for coding in ACS 0002 Additional diagnoses as it was excised. Coders should follow the instructions in ACS 2113 Follow-up examinations for specific disorders and ACS 0002 Additional diagnoses and assign the following diagnosis codes:

- Z09.0 Follow-up examination after surgery for other conditions
- Z86.0 Personal history of other neoplasms
- K63.58 Other polyp of colon
DECISION

Coders should be guided by the ACS 2113 *Follow-up examinations for specific disorders when coding same day endoscopies for follow up of polyps.*

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