Western Australian Coding Rule

0318/41 Melanosis coli and bladder trabeculation

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Tenth Edition, ACS 0051 Same-day endoscopy – Diagnostic and ACS 0052 Same-day endoscopy – Surveillance provide guidelines on the coding of findings for diagnostic and surveillance endoscopies. WA Coding Rule 0211/05 Melanosis coli and bladder trabeculation is therefore retired.

DECISION

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Q.
Do you remember coding directives instructing us NOT to code melanosis colon and bladder trabeculation? I can’t find written evidence of these instructions. Should these conditions be coded?

A.
There was discussion in the past not to code bladder trabeculation and melanosis coli as they were considered to be incidental findings and thus insignificant in regards to scope findings. This discussion was prior to guidelines stating incidental findings should be coded for same day elective scope admissions, which came into effect 1 July 2002 with creation of ACS 0046 *Diagnosis selection for same day endoscopy* in 3rd edition.

Incidental findings such as melanosis coli and bladder trabeculation should only be coded for same-day elective scope admissions. They should not be coded in other cases such as follow-up or screening unless they meet ACS 0002.

DECISION

Follow ACS 0046 *Diagnosis selection for same day endoscopy* and ACS 0002 *Additional Diagnoses* when coding melanosis coli or bladder trabeculation.

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