Western Australian Coding Rule

0318/72 Telangiectasia rectum or intestine

In ICD-10-AM/ACHI/ACS Tenth Edition the concept of “translating the medical statement into code” has changed to “classifying the clinical concept”. Multiple codes are no longer assigned to describe a single clinical concept (unless instructed by a Tabular Instruction or Australian Coding Standard).

WA Coding Rule 0711/04 Telangiectasia rectum or intestine is therefore retired.

DECISION

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Q.
Please confirm past coding advice for telangiectasia of rectum or intestine is still correct?

A.
Past advice (Coding Advisory Panel decision 19/9/08) is still correct. Telangiectasia is permanent dilation of superficial capillaries and venules, usually occurring near the surface of the skin. Code assignment is I78.1 Naevus, non-neoplastic. To reflect that the telangiectasia is in the digestive tract, assign first a code for specified disorder of the site, followed by telangiectasia.

For example, telangiectasia of rectum is coded:
K62.8 Other specified diseases of anus and rectum
I78.1 Naevus, non-neoplastic

DECISION

Telangiectasia of rectum should be coded:
K62.8 Other specified diseases of anus and rectum
I78.1 Naevus, non-neoplastic

Telangiectasia of intestine should be coded:
K55.8 Other vascular disorders of intestine
I78.1 Naevus, non-neoplastic

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