Western Australian Coding Rule

0413/09 Caudal epidural injection

Q. How should a caudal epidural injection for pain management be coded? Should a code from block [32] Epidural injection or [34] Caudal injection be assigned?

A. A caudal epidural injection is a type of epidural injection via a caudal approach. The injection is made into the epidural space through the sacral hiatus, just above the coccyx. A caudal epidural is performed using a different technique and different positioning of the patient than a regular epidural injection.

In the ACHI classification, caudal epidural injections are classified in a separate block to epidural injections. An appropriate code from block [34] Caudal injection should be assigned for documentation of a caudal epidural injection.

DECISION Caudal epidural injection for pain management should be assigned an appropriate procedure code from block [34] Caudal injection.

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