Western Australian Coding Rule

0414/09 Delirium on a background of dementia

WA Coding Rule 0613/04 Delirium on a background of dementia is superseded by ACCD Coding Rule Confusion or delirium with dementia (Ref No: Q2649) effective 1 April 2014; (log in to view on the ACCD CLIP portal).

DECISION

WA Coding Rule 0613/04 Delirium on a background of dementia is retired.

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Q.
Should documentation of ‘delirium on a background of dementia’ be coded as delirium superimposed on dementia?

A.
We have received clinical advice from the Chief Psychiatrist that the documentation of delirium on a background of dementia can be interpreted as delirium superimposed on dementia.

DECISION
Documentation of delirium on a background of dementia can be interpreted as delirium superimposed on dementia and should be coded to F05.1 Delirium superimposed on dementia.

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