Western Australian Coding Rule

0519/01 Colonoscopy with excision of anal skin tags

Q. What ACHI code(s) should be assigned for excision of anal skin tags performed at completion of colonoscopy?

A. The following Alphabetic Index pathways are relevant:

Colonoscopy (beyond hepatic flexure)(fibreoptic)(long)(to caecum) 32090-00 [905]  
- with  
--excision of  
...  
--- skin tag, anal (multiple) 32093-00 [911]

and

Excision  
- skin (subcutaneous tissue)  
- - tags  
- - - anus  
- - - by  
- - - - colonoscopy 32093-00

It is acknowledged that skin tag excision would not be performed ‘by colonoscopy’ (i.e. using a colonoscope instrument to perform the excision), however the other Index entry ‘with’ leads to the same code assignment 32093-00 Fibreoptic colonoscopy to caecum, with polypectomy and should be followed.

DECISION

Assign the appropriate colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy ‘with polypectomy’ code for anal skin tag excision performed before or after colonoscopy/sigmoidoscopy, in the same visit to theatre/procedural unit.

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