Western Australian Coding Rule

0610/07  Thrombosis in atrial appendage

Q.
Is I24.0 Coronary thrombosis not resulting in myocardial infarction the correct code for clot in atrial appendage? The inclusion terms have the terms artery and vein as non-essential modifiers so the clot does not need to be in a coronary artery or vein to be assigned this code.

A.
The correct index pathway to follow is Thrombosis, intracardiac = I51.3. These are clots that are formed due to atrial fibrillation and it is the common reason for transcatheter occlusion of atrial appendage. It is a common mistake to code these to ischaemic heart disease and therefore coronary artery thrombosis.

Please note the exclusion note at I51:
Excludes: complications following acute myocardial infarctions (I23.-)

DECISION
Assign code I51.3 Intracardiac thrombosis NEC for thrombosis in the atrial appendage.