Western Australian Coding Rule

0617/01 Neurocardiogenic syncope

Q.
What is the correct code assignment for neurocardiogenic syncope?

Patient presented with 4 episodes of loss of consciousness, admitted for diagnosis and management of syncopal attacks. Patient was diagnosed with neurocardiogenic syncope.

There is a 2006 CAP decision advising to assign: R55 Syncope and collapse G90.8 Other disorders of autonomic nervous system.

Please advise if this decision is still current?

A.

Neurocardiogenic syncope is:

- also known as vasovagal syncope.
- defined as a syndrome in which triggering of a neural reflex results in a usually self-limited episode of systemic hypotension characterized by both bradycardia (asystole or relative bradycardia) and peripheral vasodilation.
- a symptom, not a disease.

For documentation of 'neurocardiogenic syncope' follow these Index pathways to assign R55 Syncope and collapse:

- Syncope
- Vasovagal attack
- Syndrome, vasovagal
- Syncope, cardiac
- Syncope, heart

In keeping with ACCD Coding Rule Micturition syncope (October 2015) do not assign an additional diagnosis code (such as G90.x Disorders of autonomic nervous system) to accompany R55.

DECISION

Assign R55 Syncope and collapse for neurocardiogenic syncope.

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