Western Australian Coding Rule

0809/01 Unable to void

Q.
Could you please clarify how to code "unable to void" when no urinary retention is mentioned and urinary catheter is used.

A.
Retention should be documented to code R33. If it is not documented, then unable to void should be assigned code R39.1 Other Difficulties with Micturition.

DECISION
Unless urinary retention is documented, “unable to void” should be coded to R39.1 Other Difficulties with Micturition.