Western Australian Coding Rule

0810/07  Open biopsy (frozen section) during surgery

Q.
Frozen section biopsy during surgery. Is this still coded as biopsy when the purpose is to excise a lesion/organ anyway?

A.
When a frozen section is performed and followed by an excision procedure for the same visit to theatre, assign only a code for the excision procedure that is performed.

DECISION
Do not code frozen biopsy when followed by an excision procedure of the same area in the same visit to theatre.