Western Australian Coding Rule

0919/01 Activity (U50-U73) codes

Q. Should an activity code (U50-U73) be assigned for all external causes (V00-Y89)?

A. External cause codes identify how injuries occur or add additional information about diagnoses or effects of treatment.

ACS 2001 External cause code use and sequencing instructs that where a condition has an external cause the assignment of a code from V00-Y89 is mandatory. This is primarily applicable, but not limited to, diagnostic codes S00 – T98 and Z04.1 – Z04.5.

Place of occurrence codes (Y92.xx) are mandatory with all external cause codes (V00-Y89) both nationally and in WA.

In WA, activity codes (U50-U73) are mandatory with all external cause codes (V00-Y89). (Nationally, the applicable range is restricted to V00 – Y34). This local rule is required to comply with computer system requirements.

The activity code to be assigned with Y92.23 Health service area, not specified as this facility and Y92.24 Health service area, this facility is U73.8 Other specified activity.

DECISION
In Western Australia, activity codes (U50-U73) are mandatory with all external cause codes (V00-Y89).

The activity code to be assigned with Y92.23 Health service area, not specified as this facility and Y92.24 Health service area, this facility is U73.8 Other specified activity.

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