Western Australian Coding Rule

0920/01  Faecal loading

Q. Which ICD-10-AM code is assigned for faecal loading?

A.

Faecal loading is the term commonly used to refer to retained faeces evidenced on abdominal X-ray, and clinical advice confirms it is synonymous with faecal retention.

Faecal loading, not otherwise specified, which meets criteria in ACS 0002 Additional diagnoses, should be assigned K59.0 Constipation by following Alphabetic Index pathway:

Retention, retained
- faecal (see also Constipation) K59.0

DECISION

Assign K59.0 Constipation for faecal loading, not otherwise specified, which meets criteria in ACS 0002 Additional diagnoses.
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