Western Australian Coding Rule

1209/11 Admission for insertion peritoneal catheter for dialysis

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Should Z49.0 Preparatory care for dialysis or Z45.8 Adjustment and management of other implanted devices be assigned as principal diagnosis for an admission for insertion of peritoneal catheter for dialysis?

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Admission - fitting -- catheter --- dialysis ----peritoneal Z45.8
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Victorian Coding Committee raised the question (2004-05 4th edn) of which code should be used for day admission for insertion peritoneal catheter for dialysis (see attached). Response was Z49.0 and was published in NCCH Query Database but never published in Coding Commandments.

Code assignment influences DRG:
Z49.0 DRG = L02B  Z45.8 DRG = Z01A

CSAC document from 2005 (list of submissions supplied to Stakeholders) made note of Z49.0 being the correct code for day admission insertion peritoneal dialysis catheter, and that the DRG grouping was incorrect, hence plans made for the DRG grouping pathway to be amended.

DECISION

Admission for insertion of peritoneal catheter for dialysis should be coded to Z49.0 Preparatory care for Dialysis.

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