

When to code iron infusions...

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A procedure code for an iron infusion (96199-19 [1920] *Intravenous administration of pharmacological agent, other and unspecified pharmacological agent*) should only be assigned when administered during same-day episodes of care.

Where an iron infusion is administered during a multi-day stay episode of care, a procedure code should not be assigned.

Australian Coding Standard (ACS) 0042 *Procedures normally not coded*, notes that procedures such as iron infusions are only assigned if:

- cerebral anaesthesia is required in order for the procedure to be performed
- they are the principal reason for admission in same-day episodes of care
- another specialty standard directs they should be assigned.

Classification Point 8 of ACS 0042 notes that the only exceptions for the assignment of drug treatment, pharmacotherapy or prescription of drugs are included in:

- ACS 0044 *Pharmacotherapy*
- ACS 0534 *Specific interventions related to mental health care services*
- ACS 0943 *Thrombolytic therapy*
- ACS 1316 *Cement spacer/beads*
- ACS 1500 *Diagnosis sequencing in obstetric episodes of care*
- ACS 1511 *Termination of pregnancy (abortion)*
- ACS 1615 *Specific diseases and interventions related to the sick neonate.*

A new validation was introduced 1 July 2019 for multi-day episodes of care that haveACHI code 96199-19 [1920] *Intravenous administration of pharmacological agent, other and unspecified pharmacological agent* assigned.

Note: Newborn episodes of care are excluded from this validation.

