

Indicator	Query	Response	Date
EPILEPSY 8	Can a patient be exception reported under Epilepsy 8 on the grounds that their Epilepsy is secondary to a brain injury?	<p>This is addressed in the new Guidance for exception coding published by the Scottish Executive, see:-</p> <p>http://www.sehd.scot.nhs.uk/pca/PCA2006(M)15.pdf</p> <p>This states within the principles of exception coding that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The decision to exception report must be based on clinical judgement with clear and auditable reasons coded or entered in free text on the patient record • There should be no blanket exceptions: the relevant issues with each patient should be considered by the clinician at each level of the clinical indicator set. <p>The Contract guidance makes it clear that the population for this Indicator is defined as patients age 18 and above, with a diagnostic code for Epilepsy whatever the cause AND who have received anti-epileptic medication in the last 6 months. These patients should still be reviewed therefore it would seem sensible that they remain in the Epilepsy population. Should they be on maximum anti-epileptic medication but not meet the 'fit-free in the last 12 months' indicator they could be specifically exception coded from this indicator using 8BL3. (Patient on maximal tolerated anticonvulsant therapy). The principles of considering each patient individually and ensuring the recording of reasons for exception coding should apply.</p>	28.12.06