Nursing diagnosis

Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000110   Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

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Definition: Nursing diagnosis is a clinical judgement about individual, family or community responses to actual or potential health problems/life processes. Nursing diagnoses provide the basis for selection of nursing interventions to achieve outcomes for which the nurse is accountable.

Context: Community nursing: nursing diagnosis and the data element Nursing interventions have shown to be more predictive of resource use than client's functional status or medical diagnosis. In a community nursing environment, it makes sense to reflect nursing practice by recording nursing diagnoses, goals and interventions, and determining client response to the latter. In adding to this actual resource utilisation, client dependency and medical diagnosis, the Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia has the potential to link nursing data with information of critical importance to funding bodies.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Alphanumeric

Representational form: CODE

Representation layout: ANN.N

Minimum Size: 4

Maximum Size: 5

Data Domain: NOVAL   The North American Nursing Diagnosis Association (NANDA) Taxonomy, 1988-89 conversion to 'Y' codes.

Guide For Use: Up to five nursing diagnoses may be nominated, according to the following:

1 Nursing diagnosis most related to the principal reason for admission (one only)
2-5 Other nursing diagnoses of relevance to the current episode

The NANDA codes as listed in Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia, 1994, appendix 4, should be used in conjunction with a nursing diagnosis text. The NANDA coding structure is a standard format for reporting nursing diagnosis. It is not intended in any way to change or intrude upon nursing practice, provided the information available can transpose to the NANDA codes for the Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia. In considering how the Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia could be implemented, agencies may opt to introduce systems transparent to the clinician if there is confidence that a direct and reliable transfer to NANDA codes can be made from standard assessment information already in place.

Agencies implementing new information systems should consider the extent to which these can facilitate practice and at the same time lighten the burden of documentation. Direct incorporation of the Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia or automated mapping to it when the required information is not directly available, are equally valid and viable options.

Related metadata: has been superseded by Nursing diagnosis version 2

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:
Source Organisation: Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia, Steering Committee

Comments: The Community Nursing Services Minimum Data Set - Australia Steering Committee considered the potential of this item against the problems associated with its collection and determined that the issue was one of how to collect rather than whether.

In its decision to continue with the collection of nursing diagnosis in NANDA format, the Committee also noted the International Nursing Diagnosis Taxonomy, which is currently being developed under the auspices of the International Council of Nurses. Given the expected development time of 10 years and the likelihood of a development path from NANDA, it was considered that NANDA is still a viable option at this time.

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM   Physical wellbeing

Data Agreements which include this Data Element