

Episode of community based palliative care— principal diagnosis, code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Principal palliative care diagnosis
METEOR identifier:	287777
Registration status:	Health! , Recorded 13/05/2008
Definition:	The diagnosis chiefly responsible for occasioning an episode of community-based palliative care, as represented by a code.
Context:	Palliative care delivered in community settings
Data Element Concept:	Episode of community based palliative care—principal diagnosis
Value Domain:	Palliative care principal diagnosis code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Malignant neoplasm
	8	Other diagnosis
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 1 Malignant neoplasm The main features of a malignant neoplasm (cancer) are its ability to grow in an uncontrolled way and to invade and spread to other parts of the body (metastasise). Benign neoplasms are excluded from this category. CODE 8 Other diagnosis Includes, but is not limited to, HIV/AIDS, motor neurone disease, muscular dystrophy, cystic fibrosis, multiple sclerosis, end-stage dementia, and end-stage respiratory, cardiac, renal and liver disease. Also included in this group are benign neoplasms. Benign neoplasms do not invade other tissues or spread to other parts of the body, although they can expand to interfere with body structures.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Palliative Care Intergovernmental Forum
Origin:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare 2005. Health Registers and Cancer Monitoring Unit, Canberra. Viewed 30 May 2005, http://www.aihw.gov.au/cancer/faqs.cfm .

Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set [Community-based palliative care client DSS](#)

Specifications: [Health!](#), Recorded 13/05/2008

DSS specific information:

Definitions of 'episode of care' may vary within the palliative care context. The definition used in this dataset states an episode of care may span more than one treatment setting. The term 'period of community-based palliative care' may be used in collection guidelines for this data set however, 'episode of care' is the term used for these metadata items in this data set.

A different methodology applies to the definition of episode of care used by the Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration (PCOC) as one which commences on the day of first face-to-face contact after being accepted for care and finishes whenever the setting of care changes.