# Patient—relationship to health-care service provider, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| **Metadata item type:** | Data Element |
| **Short name:** | Patient relationship to health-care service provider |
| **METEOR identifier:** | 330338 |
| **Registration status:** | Health!, Standard 07/12/2011 |
| **Definition:** | The relationship of the patient to the health-care service provider, as represented by a code. |
| **Data Element Concept:** | Patient—relationship to health-care service provider |
| **Value Domain:** | Patient relationship to health-care service provider code N |

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

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| **Representation class:** | Code | |
| **Data type:** | Number | |
| **Format:** | N | |
| **Maximum character length:** | 1 | |
| | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| **Permissible values:** | 1 | Public admitted hospital patient |
| | 2 | Private admitted hospital patient |
| | 3 | Resident |
| | 8 | Other |
| **Supplementary values:** | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |

## Collection and usage attributes

| **Guide for use:** | CODE 1   Public admitted hospital patient |
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'Public admitted hospital patient' includes persons enrolled in Medicare who, on admission to a recognised hospital or soon after, receive or elect to receive a public hospital service free of charge. This includes patients for whom treatment is contracted to a private hospital. It does not include Department of Veterans' Affairs patients and compensable patients. Code 1 also includes patients who were admitted to a private hospital as public patients.

CODE 2   Private admitted hospital patient

'Private admitted hospital patient' includes persons who on admission to a recognised hospital or soon after elect to be private patients treated by a medical practitioner of their choice; or elect to occupy a bed in a single room and are responsible for meeting certain hospital charges as well as the professional charges raised by a treating medical or dental practitioner. Private admitted hospital patients also includes persons who are eligible for Medicare who choose to be admitted to a private hospital and are responsible for meeting all hospital charges as well as the professional charges raised by any treating medical or dental practitioner.

Private admitted hospital patient also includes:

- Department of Veterans' Affairs patients (eligible persons whose charges for their hospital admission are met by the Department of Veterans' Affairs); and
- Compensable patients (persons who are entitled to receive or have received a compensation  payment with respect to an injury or disease). Compensable patients are persons who are entitled to claim damages under motor vehicle third party insurance, worker's compensation, public liability or common law.

Whether patients are admitted patients will depend on administrative practices within particular jurisdictions. If the patients were considered to be admitted patients by the relevant health-service provider at the time of the health-care incident then Code 1 or 2 should be recorded (as appropriate). Code 1 or 2 should also be used for patients receiving long-term nursing or respite care in a hospital, if they are considered admitted hospital patients.

CODE 3   Resident

'Resident' should be recorded where, at the time of the incident, a patient was a resident in a residential aged care or mental health care establishment, or in a similar residential health-care setting. Some hospitals (particularly in rural areas) use hospital beds to provide long-term nursing or respite care. However, where patients receiving such care are admitted hospital patients this code should not be recorded.

CODE 8   Other

'Other' should be recorded where, at the time of the incident, the patient was attending an outpatient clinic, general practice surgery, Emergency department, or similar non-admitted, non-residential service.

CODE 9   Not stated/inadequately described

'Not stated/inadequately described' should be used when the information is not currently available.

## Source and reference attributes

| **Submitting organisation:** | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
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| **Steward:** | [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#) |

# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

| **Comments:** | The coding category definitions were developed with reference to the following metadata items in the National Health Data Dictionary Version 15: Admitted patient election status; Compensable status; Funding source for hospital patient; and Medicare eligibility status (AIHW 2010). |
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This data element distinguishes between public and private admitted hospital patients only as it is difficult to distinguish between public and private non-admitted hospital patients, and the relevant NHDD data elements all apply to hospital patients only. Also, national data on numbers of hospital separations for public and private patients are available, whereas similar denominator data are not readily available for non-admitted patients.

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**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

**Steward:** [Australian Institute of Health and Welfare](#)

**Reference documents:** AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2010. National health data dictionary. Version 15. National health data dictionary series. Cat. no. HWI 107. Canberra: AIHW

## Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Medical indemnity DSS 2012-14](#)
   Health!, Superseded 21/11/2013
*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2012
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[Medical indemnity NBPDS 2014-](#)
   Health!, Standard 21/11/2013
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