

Palliative care phase code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	639015
Registration status:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 03/11/2016
Definition:	A code set representing the phases of palliative care.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Stable
	2	Unstable
	3	Deteriorating
	4	Terminal
Supplementary values:	9	Not reported

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

The palliative care phase is the stage of the palliative care patient's illness.

CODE 1 Stable

Patient problems and symptoms are adequately controlled by established plan of care and

- Further interventions to maintain symptom control and quality of life have been planned and
- Family/carer situation is relatively stable and no new issues are apparent.

CODE 2 Unstable

An urgent change in the plan of emergency treatment is required because

- Patient experiences a new problem that was not anticipated in the existing plan of care, and/or
- Patient experiences a rapid increase in the severity of a current problem; and/or
- Family/ carers circumstances change suddenly impacting on patient care.

CODE 3 Deteriorating

The care plan is addressing anticipated needs but requires periodic review because

- Patients overall functional status is declining and
- Patient experiences a gradual worsening of existing problem and/or
- Patient experiences a new but anticipated problem and/or
- Family/carers experience gradual worsening distress that impacts on the patient care.

CODE 4 Terminal

Death is likely within days.

CODE 9 Not reported

The phase of the illness has not been reported.

Palliative care phases are not sequential and a patient may move back and forth between phases. Palliative care phases provide a clinical indication of the type of care required and have been shown to correlate strongly with survival within longitudinal prospective studies.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:

Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration 2014. Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration Clinical Manual. Australian Health Services Research Institute, University of Wollongong, Sydney. Viewed 19 May 2016, <http://ahsri.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@chsd/@pcoc/documents/doc/uow129133.pdf>

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Palliative care phase code N Health!](#), Standard 11/04/2014
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 03/11/2016
[Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/05/2020

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[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 19/05/2020

**Data elements
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domain:**

[Episode of admitted patient care—palliative care phase, code N](#)
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