

# Palliative care phase

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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**Definition:** The palliative care phase refers to a distinct clinical period which reflects the stage of the patient's illness. Palliative care phase provides a good indication of the type of care required by a palliative care patient.

An episode of admitted patient palliative care may comprise of a single phase or multiple phases, depending on changes in the patient's condition. Phases are not sequential and a patient may move back and forth between phases within the one episode of admitted patient palliative care.

The palliative care phases are stable, unstable, deteriorating, terminal and bereavement.

**Context:** Palliative care phase is a common assessment measure recorded for episodes of admitted patient palliative care. Palliative care is care in which the clinical intent or treatment goal is primarily quality of life for a patient with an active, progressive disease with little or no prospect of cure. It is usually evidenced by an interdisciplinary assessment and/or management of the physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs of the patient; and a grief and bereavement support service for the patient and their carers/family.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

**Reference documents:** Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration Assessment Toolkit. Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration, University of Wollongong, Wollongong. Viewed 19 September 2012,  
<http://ahsri.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@chsd/@pcoc/documents/doc/uow129133.pdf>

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Palliative care phase Health!](#), Standard 11/04/2014  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 03/11/2016  
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 20/12/2016

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[Health!](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

[Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2020-21](#)  
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