

Palliative care phase code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	681032
Registration status:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority , Standard 18/01/2018 Health! , Standard 25/01/2018 Tasmanian Health , Standard 19/05/2020
Definition:	A code set representing palliative care phases.

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 stated/inadequately described

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 an 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:

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

CODE 3 Deteriorating

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

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

CODE 4 Terminal

Death is likely within days.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described

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.

Source and reference attributes

Origin:

Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration 2014. Palliative care outcomes collaboration: Clinical manual. Wollongong: University of Wollongong.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Supersedes [Palliative care phase code N](#)
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 03/11/2016

Data elements implementing this value domain:

[Episode of admitted patient care—palliative care phase, code N](#)
[Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/01/2018
[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 19/05/2020