

# Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 2016 version) ANN{.N}

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Underlying cause of death
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	UCOD code
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	719784
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 16/01/2020
<b>Definition:</b>	The disease or injury which initiated the train of morbid events leading directly to a person's death or the circumstances of the accident or violence which produced the fatal injury, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—underlying cause of death</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Underlying cause of death code (ICD-10 2016 version) ANN{.N}</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision (2016 version)</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	ANN{.N}
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	4

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	Underlying cause of death is central to mortality coding and comparable international mortality reporting.
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) codes and classifies the underlying cause of death (UCOD) according to the rules and guidelines for mortality coding adopted by the World Health Assembly and set out in the World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD).</p> <p>The ABS uses Iris to process and code cause-of-death information reported on death certificates.</p>

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Bureau of Statistics
<b>Origin:</b>	<p>ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2008. Information Paper: Cause of death certification. Catalogue no. 1205.0.55.001. ABS, Canberra. Viewed 31 July 2019, <a href="https://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/475BC02643DB45EDCA25750B000E38A4/\$File/1205055001_2008.pdf">https://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/475BC02643DB45EDCA25750B000E38A4/\$File/1205055001_2008.pdf</a></p> <p>WHO (World Health Organization) 2016. The International statistical classification of diseases and related health problems, Tenth revision (2016 version). WHO, Geneva. Viewed 19th July 2019, <a href="https://icd.who.int/browse10/2016/en/#/">https://icd.who.int/browse10/2016/en/#/</a></p>
<b>Reference documents:</b>	<p>ABS 2008. Information Paper: Cause of death certification. Catalogue no. 1205.0.55.001. ABS, Canberra. Viewed 31 July 2019, <a href="https://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/475BC02643DB45EDCA25750B000E38A4/\$File/1205055001_2008.pdf">https://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/475BC02643DB45EDCA25750B000E38A4/\$File/1205055001_2008.pdf</a></p> <p>WHO 2016. The International statistical classification of diseases and related health problems, Tenth revision (2016 version). WHO, Geneva. Viewed 19th July 2019, <a href="https://icd.who.int/browse10/2016/en/#/">https://icd.who.int/browse10/2016/en/#/</a></p>

### Relational attributes

<b>Related metadata references:</b>	Supersedes <a href="#">Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 2nd edn) ANN-ANN Health!</a> , Superseded 16/01/2020
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**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2020–21](#)  
[HealthI](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021

**Conditional obligation:**

Only to be answered if the person has died.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2021–22](#)

[HealthI](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2021

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2022

**Conditional obligation:**

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[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2022–23](#)

[HealthI](#), Standard 17/12/2021

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**Conditional obligation:**

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**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 08–Major causes of death, 2020](#)

[HealthI](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 08–Major causes of death, 2021](#)

[HealthI](#), Standard 03/07/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 08–Major causes of death, 2022](#)

[HealthI](#), Standard 24/09/2021

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 16–Potentially avoidable deaths, 2020](#)

[HealthI](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 16–Potentially avoidable deaths, 2021](#)

[HealthI](#), Standard 03/07/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 16–Potentially avoidable deaths, 2022](#)

[HealthI](#), Standard 24/09/2021

**Used as Disaggregation**

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 08–Major causes of death, 2020](#)

[HealthI](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 08–Major causes of death, 2021](#)

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