

Delirium clinical care standard indicators: 4a- Proportion of patients with delirium who have a comprehensive assessment to investigate cause(s) of delirium

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
Short name:	Indicator 4a-Proportion of patients with delirium who have a comprehensive assessment to investigate cause(s) of delirium
METEOR identifier:	628103
Registration status:	Health , Standard 12/09/2016
Description:	Proportion of patients with delirium who have a comprehensive assessment to investigate cause(s) of delirium.
Rationale:	Identifying and treating the causes of delirium early is likely to reduce the duration and severity of delirium (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence 2010; Clinical Epidemiology and Health Service Evaluation Unit 2006).
Indicator set:	Clinical care standard indicators: delirium Health , Standard 12/09/2016
Outcome area:	Identifying and treating underlying causes Health , Standard 12/09/2016

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	<p>The numerator includes patients with delirium for whom a comprehensive assessment to investigate the cause(s) of their delirium is undertaken during the hospital stay and is documented in their medical record. The comprehensive assessment must include the following (National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence 2010; Clinical Epidemiology and Health Service Evaluation Unit 2006; Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine 2012):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• a medical history — paying close attention to the patient's medication history and their pain management needs• a physical examination• investigations (blood tests, urine tests, etc.), according to the patient's medical history and physical examination. <p>All patients with delirium are included in both the numerator and the denominator, not only those where Hospital service—care type, code N[N] = 1 Acute care.</p> <p>Presented as a percentage.</p>
Computation:	$(\text{Numerator} \div \text{denominator}) \times 100$
Numerator:	Number of patients with delirium who have a comprehensive assessment to investigate cause(s) of delirium during their hospital stay.
Denominator:	Number of patients with delirium.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Percentage
Data type:	Real
Unit of measure:	Person

Format: N[NN]

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care

Reference documents: Australian and New Zealand Society for Geriatric Medicine 2012. Delirium in older people: position statement 13.

Clinical Epidemiology and Health Service Evaluation Unit 2006. Clinical practice guidelines for the management of delirium in older people. Melbourne: Victorian Government Department of Human Services on behalf of AHMAC. Viewed 5 May 2016, [http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/A9F4D074829CD75ACA25785200120044/\\$FILE/delirium-cpg.pdf](http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/A9F4D074829CD75ACA25785200120044/$FILE/delirium-cpg.pdf).

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