Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element Concept |
| METEOR identifier: | 269575 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 07/09/2016 |
| Definition: | Major diagnostic categories (MDCs) are 23 mutually exclusive categories into which all possible principal diagnoses fall. The diagnoses in each category correspond to a single body system or aetiology, broadly reflecting the speciality providing care. Each category is partitioned according to whether or not a surgical procedure was performed. This preliminary partitioning into major diagnostic categories occurs before a diagnosis related group is assigned.  The Australian refined diagnosis related groups (AR-DRGs) departs from the use of principal diagnosis as the initial variable in the assignment of some groups. A hierarchy of all exceptions to the principal diagnosis-based assignment to a MDC has been created. As a consequence, certain AR-DRGs are not unique to a MDC. This requires both a MDC and an AR-DRG to be generated per patient. |
| Context: | All admitted patient care contexts:  The generation of a major diagnostic category to accompany each AR-DRG is a requirement of the latter as diagnosis related groups are not unique. |

## Object Class attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Object class: | [Episode of admitted patient care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268956) |
| Definition: | The period of admitted patient care between a formal or statistical [**admission**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327206) and a formal or statistical  [**separation**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327268), characterised by only one care type. |
| Context: | Admitted patient care. |
| Specialisation of: | [Service episode](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/333545) |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | This treatment and/or care provided to a patient during an episode of care can occur in hospital and/or in the person's home (for  [**hospital-in-the-home**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/327308) patients). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Origin: | Health Data Standards Committee. |

## Property attributes

### Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Property: | [Major diagnostic category](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269328) |
| Definition: | The classification of diagnoses (and Australian refined diagnosis related groups) by body system or aetiology. |
| Property group: | [Service provision event](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/274661) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |

## Data element concept attributes

### Relational attributes



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| Data Elements implementing this Data Element Concept: | [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code (AR-DRG v 10.0) NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/729924)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 18/10/2023  [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code (AR-DRG v 11.0) NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774476)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 18/10/2023  [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code (AR-DRG v 6) NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/391298)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 30/06/2013  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 07/09/2016  [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code (AR-DRG v 7) NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/513997)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Recorded 23/09/2014  [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code (AR-DRG v 8.0) NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/653337)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 12/01/2018  [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code (AR-DRG v 9.0) NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/690019)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 19/06/2020  [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code (AR-DRG v5.1) NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/270400)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 22/12/2009  [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, condition/procedure code AR-DRG (version 6.0x) ANNA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/584603)  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016 |