

Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category

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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

Object class: [Episode of admitted patient care](#)
Definition: The period of admitted patient care between a formal or statistical [admission](#) and a formal or statistical [separation](#), characterised by only one care type.
Context: Admitted patient care.
Specialisation of: [Service episode](#)

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](#) patients).

Source and reference attributes

Origin: Health Data Standards Committee.

Property attributes

Identifying and definitional attributes

Property: [Major diagnostic category](#)
Definition: The classification of diagnoses (and Australian refined diagnosis related groups) by body system or aetiology.
Property group: [Service provision event](#)

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element concept attributes

Relational attributes

Data Elements
implementing this Data
Element Concept:

[Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code \(AR-DRG v 10.0\) NN](#)

- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 19/06/2020

[Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code \(AR-DRG v 6\) NN](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Recorded 16/07/2015
- [Health](#), Standard 30/06/2013
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 07/09/2016

[Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code \(AR-DRG v 8.0\) NN](#)

- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 12/01/2018

[Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code \(AR-DRG v 9.0\) NN](#)

- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 19/06/2020

[Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code \(AR-DRG v5.1\) NN](#)

- [Health](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

[Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, condition/procedure code AR-DRG \(version 6.0x\) ANNA](#)

- [National Health Performance Authority \(retired\)](#), Retired 01/07/2016