Principal procedure

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000137 Version number: 2

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 30-JUN-95

Definition: The procedure which consumed the greatest amount of hospital

resources or, if this cannot be determined, that which was the

definitive treatment for the principal diagnosis.

Procedures which should be coded:

- are surgical in nature;

- carry a procedural risk; or

- carry an anaesthetic risk; and

- require special facilities or equipment only available in an acute

care setting (Eagar, Innes 1992a, 1992b, 1992c).

Context: Institutional health care: this item gives an indication of the extent to

which specialised resources, for example, human resources, theatres and equipment, are used. It also provides an estimate of the numbers

of major surgical operations performed and the extent to which particular procedures are used to resolve medical problems.

It is required for classification of acute patients into Australian

National Diagnosis Related Groups.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation ?

layout:

Minimum Size: 4
Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain: NOVAL ICD-9-CM

Guide For Use: The classification is revised annually by the National Center for

Health Statistics in the USA. New editions are published each

October and will be implemented in Australia the following July or as determined by the proposed National Coding Authority.

Related metadata: is qualified by Principal diagnosis version 1

is qualified by Principal diagnosis - ICD-9-CM code version 2 supersedes previous data element Principal procedure version 1 has been superseded by Principal procedure - ICD-9-CM code

version 3

is supplemented by the data element Additional procedures

version 1

is supplemented by the data element Additional procedures

version 2

is supplemented by the data element Additional procedures - ICD-

9-CM code version 3

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee

Comments: This item was revised according to the recommendations of the

Patient Abstracting and Coding Project, Commonwealth

Department of Health, Housing and Community Services. For further details of which procedures should be coded, refer to Eagar and Innes (1992c). With regard to public psychiatric hospitals, refer

to the comment section in the earlier version of this definition.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Service provision event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element