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# Diagnosis related group

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## *Identifying and Definitional Attributes*

Data Dictionary: NHDD  
Knowledgebase ID: 000042                      Version number: 1  
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT  
Registration Authority: NHIMG                      Admin status: SUPERSEDED  
Effective date: 01-MAR-05  
Definition: A patient classification scheme which provides a means of relating the number and types of patients treated in a hospital to the resources required by the hospital.  
Context: The development of Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups has created a descriptive framework for studying hospitalisation. Diagnosis Related Groups provide a summary of the varied reasons for hospitalisation and the complexity of cases a hospital treats. Moreover, as a framework for describing the products of a hospital (that is, patients receiving services), they allow meaningful comparisons of hospitals' efficiency and effectiveness under alternative systems of health care provision.

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## *Relational and Representational Attributes*

Datatype: Alphanumeric  
Representational form: CODE  
Representation layout: ANNA  
Minimum Size: 4  
Maximum Size: 4  
Data Domain: NOVAL                      Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups, Commonwealth of Australia. Version effective from 1 July each year.  
Related metadata: is derived from Mode of separation version 3  
is derived from Infant weight, neonate, stillborn version 3  
is derived from Principal diagnosis version 3  
is derived from Additional diagnosis version 4  
is derived from Procedure version 5  
is derived from Separation date version 5

