Nature of main injury - non-admitted patient

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000087 Version number: 1

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 01-MAR-05

Definition: The nature of the injury chiefly responsible for the attendance of the

person at the health care facility.

Context: Injury surveillance:

Injury diagnosis is necessary for purposes including epidemiological research, casemix studies and planning. This item together with data

element Bodily location of main injury indicates the diagnosis.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric

Representational CODE

form:

Representation NN or NN.N

layout:

Minimum Size: 2 Maximum Size: 4

Data Domain: 01 Superficial (excludes eye [13])

Open wound (excludes eye [13])
Fracture (excludes tooth [21])

O4 Dislocation (includes ruptured disc, cartilage,

ligament)

O5 Sprain or strain

Of Injury to nerve (includes spinal cord; excludes

intracranial injury [20])

07 Injury to blood vessel

08 Injury to muscle or tendon

09 Crushing injury

10 Traumatic amputation (includes partial

amputation)

11 Injury to internal organ

12	Burn or corrosion (excludes eye [13])
13	Eye injury (excludes foreign body in external eye
	[14.1], includes burns)
14.1	Foreign body in external eye
14.2	Foreign body in ear canal
14.3	Foreign body in nose
14.4	Foreign body in respiratory tract (excludes foreign
	body in nose [14.3])
14.5	Foreign body in alimentary tract
14.6	Foreign body in genitourinary tract
14.7	Foreign body in soft tissue
14.9	Foreign body, other/unspecified
20	Intracranial injury (includes concussion)
21	Dental injury (includes fractured tooth)
22	Drowning, immersion
23	Asphyxia or other threat to breathing (excludes
	drowning [22])
24	Electrical injury
25	Poisoning, toxic effect (excludes venomous bite
	[26])
26	Effect of venom, or any insect bite
27	Other specified nature of injury
28	Injury of unspecified nature
29	Multiple injuries of more than one 'nature'
30	No injury detected

Guide For Use: If the full ICD-10-AM code is used to code the injury, this item is not required (see data elements Principal diagnosis and Additional diagnosis).

When coding to the full ICD-10-AM code is not possible, use this item with the data elements External cause of injury - non admitted patient, External cause of injury - human intent and Bodily location of main injury.

Select the item which best characterises the nature of the injury chiefly responsible for the attendance, on the basis of the information available at the time it is recorded. If two or more categories are judged to be equally appropriate, select the one that comes first in the code list. A major injury, if present, should always be coded rather than a minor injury. If a major injury has been sustained (e.g. a fractured femur), along with one or more minor injuries (e.g. some small abrasions), the major injury should be coded in preference to coding 'multiple injuries'. As a general guide, an injury which, on its own, would be unlikely to have led to the attendance may be regarded as 'minor'.

If the nature of the injury code is 01 to 12 or 26 to 29 then data element Bodily location of main injury should be used to record the bodily location of the injury. If another code is used, bodily location is implicit or meaningless. Data element Bodily location of main injury, category 22 may be used as a filler to indicate that specific body region is not required.

Verification Rules:Left justified, zero filled.

Related metadata: is used in conjunction with Bodily location of main injury version 1

is used in conjunction with External cause - human intent version 4 is used in conjunction with External cause - non-admitted patient

version 4

Administrative Attributes

Source Document:

Source Organisation: AIHW National Injury Surveillance Unit and National Data

Standards for Injury Surveillance Advisory Group

Comments: This item is related to the ICD-10-AM injury and poisoning classification. However, coding to the full ICD-10-AM injury and poisoning classification (see data element Principal diagnosis) is not available in most settings where basic injury surveillance is undertaken. This item, in combination with the data element Bodily location of main injury, is a practicable alternative. Data coded to the full ICD-10-AM codes can be aggregated to match this item, facilitating data comparison. Further information on the national injury surveillance program can be obtained from the National Injury Surveillance Unit, Flinders University, Adelaide.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Physical wellbeing

Data Agreements which include this Data Element

NMDS - Injury surveillance

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