
Principal procedure - ICD-9-CM code

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000137 Version number: 3
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
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Definition: The most significant procedure that was performed for treatment of the principal diagnosis.

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 surgical operations performed and the extent to which particular procedures are used to resolve medical problems.
It is required for classification of acute admitted patients into Australian National Diagnosis Related Groups.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: CODE
Representation layout: NN.NN
Minimum Size: 5
Maximum Size: 5
Data Domain: NOVAL ICD-9-AM

Guide For Use: When no procedure was performed for treatment of the principal diagnosis, use the following hierarchy:

- procedure performed for treatment of additional diagnosis;
- diagnostic /exploratory procedure related to the principal diagnosis; or
- diagnostic /exploratory procedure related to the additional diagnoses for the episode of care.

Although this data element has been superseded by Principal

Procedure - ICD-10-AM, Version 3, it remains an acceptable interim standard (until 30 June 1999) for use by those States and Territories that will not be implementing ICD-10-AM on 1 July 1998.

Verification Rules:

Collection Methods: Record and code all procedures undertaken during the episode of care. A procedure is one that:

- is surgical in nature;
- carries a procedural risk;
- carries an anaesthetic risk;
- requires specialised training; or
- requires special facilities or equipment only available in an acute care setting.

Related metadata: is qualified by Principal diagnosis - ICD-9-CM code version 2 supersedes previous data element Principal procedure version 2 has been superseded by Procedure version 5

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Australian version of the International Classification of Diseases, 9th Revision, Clinical Modification, published by the National Centre for Classification in Health (1996) Sydney.

Source Organisation: National Health Data Committee, National Centre for Classification in Health

Comments: This item is updated annually according to advice received from the National Centre for Classification in Health and is consistent with the National Coding Standards.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Service provision event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
