Principal procedure - ICD-10-AM code

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD

Knowledgebase ID: 000137 Version number: 4

Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT

Registration NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED

Authority: Effective date: 30-JUN-99

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 CODE

form:

Representation NNNNN-NN

layout:

Minimum Size: 7 Maximum Size: 7

Data Domain: NOVAL ICD-10-AM codes

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.

ICD-10-AM, the Australian modification of ICD-10, is published by the National Centre for Classification in Health and was implemented from July 1998. The classification is revised annually by the National Centre for Classification in Health. The version current for the collection period is required.

Verification Rules:As a minimum requirement the procedure codes must be listed in ICD-10-AM and validated against the nationally agreed age and sex edits. More extensive edit checking of codes may be utilised within individual hospitals and State and Territory information systems.

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: supersedes previous data element Principal procedure - ICD-9-CM code version 3

is qualified by Principal diagnosis version 3

is supplemented by the data element Additional procedures - ICD-

10-AM code version 4

has been superseded by Procedure version 5

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related

Health Problems - Tenth Revision - Australian Modification (1998); National Centre for Classification in Health, Sydney.

Source Organisation: 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 Australian Coding Standards (ICD-10-AM, 1998).

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element
NHIM Service provision event

Data Agreements which include this Data Element