

Sedation type code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	530111
Registration status:	Health , Superseded 06/09/2018
Definition:	A code set representing types of sedation.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Conscious sedation
	2	Deep sedation
	3	General anaesthesia
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: CODE 1 Conscious sedation

A drug-induced depression of consciousness during which patients are able to respond purposefully to verbal commands or light tactile stimulation. All conscious sedation techniques should provide a margin of safety that is wide enough to render loss of consciousness unlikely.

CODE 2 Deep sedation

A drug-induced state where consciousness is lost and patients only respond to painful stimulation. It is also associated with loss of the ability to maintain a patent airway, inadequate spontaneous ventilation and/or impaired cardiovascular function. Deep levels of sedation may have similar risks to general anaesthesia, and may require an equivalent level of care.

Deep sedation may only be used in the presence of an anaesthetist or other appropriately trained and credentialed medical specialist within his/her scope of practice.

CODE 3 General anaesthesia

A drug-induced state characterised by absence of purposeful response to any stimulus, loss of protective airway reflexes, depression of respiration and disturbance of circulatory reflexes. General anaesthesia is sometimes indicated during diagnostic or interventional medical or surgical procedures and requires the exclusive attention of an anaesthetist, or other appropriately trained and credentialed medical specialist within his/her scope of practice.

Source and reference attributes

Reference documents: ANZCA (Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists) 2010. Guidelines on Sedation and/or Analgesia for Diagnostic and Interventional Medical, Dental or Surgical Procedures. Viewed 23 March 2012,
www.anzca.edu.au/resources/professional-documents/documents/professional-standards/pdf-files/PS9-2010.pdf

Relational attributes

Related metadata references: Has been superseded by [Sedation type code N Health](#), Standard 06/09/2018

Data elements implementing this value domain: [Patient—sedation type, code N Health](#), Superseded 06/09/2018