

Episode of admitted patient care—unplanned admission to Intensive Care Unit (ICU) following elective surgery indicator, Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Unplanned admission to ICU following elective surgery
METEOR identifier:	591990
Registration status:	Health , Standard 04/09/2015
Definition:	An indicator of whether a patient had an unplanned admission to an intensive care unit (ICU) following elective surgery during an episode of admitted patient care, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Episode of admitted patient care—unplanned admission to Intensive Care Unit (ICU) following elective surgery indicator
Value Domain:	Yes/no/not stated/inadequately described code N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Boolean	
Format:	N	
Maximum character length:	1	
	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Yes
	2	No
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately described
	This code is not for use in primary data collections.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
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Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Yes

Code 1 is used where the patient had one or more unplanned admissions to the ICU following elective surgery during an episode of admitted patient care.

Only unplanned ICU admissions that occur following elective surgery are included. Unplanned ICU admissions that occur preceding elective surgery, preceding or following emergency or other surgery, or during an episode of admitted patient care without any surgery are excluded.

Unplanned ICU admissions include unplanned admissions to High Dependency or Critical Care beds within an ICU.

Admissions to the ICU are excluded where the admission was planned and documented prior to the ICU admission (that is, for patients who are having complicated elective surgery and are expected to require post-operative support and observations in an ICU).

CODE 2 No

Code 2 is used where the patient did not have any unplanned admissions to the ICU following elective surgery during an episode of admitted patient care.

CODE 9 Not stated/inadequately defined

Code 9 is used where it is not clear or there is inadequate documentation in the primary data collection to establish whether or not the patient had one or more unplanned admissions to the ICU following elective surgery.

The data collected on unplanned ICU admissions should be linked to data collected on the episode of admitted patient care which contains other relevant information, for instance, patient demographics.

Comments:

ICUs are designed for patients with the most severe and life-threatening illnesses and injuries, which require constant, close monitoring and support from specialist equipment.

Patients may be transferred to an ICU from another area of the hospital if they deteriorate rapidly. The rate of unplanned ICU admissions can be regarded as a measure of complications of care and should be interpreted in the context of other patient health-care safety and quality information.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care/Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [High priority hospital complications \(patient clinical deterioration\) NBPDS 2015-Health, Standard 04/09/2015](#)

Conditional obligation:

Conditional on the patient's receiving elective surgery during the episode of admitted patient care