Palliative care phase code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 639015 |
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| Definition: | A code set representing the phases of palliative care. |

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| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N |
| Maximum character length: | 1 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Stable |
|   | 2 | Unstable |
|   | 3 | Deteriorating |
|   | 4 | Terminal |
| Supplementary values: | 9  | Not reported  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | The palliative care phase is the stage of the palliative care patient’s illness.CODE 1   StablePatient problems and symptoms are adequately controlled by established plan of care and* Further interventions to maintain symptom control and quality of life have been planned and
* Family/carer situation is relatively stable and no new issues are apparent.

CODE 2   UnstableAn urgent change in the plan of emergency treatment is required because* Patient experiences a new problem that was not anticipated in the existing plan of care, and/or
* Patient experiences a rapid increase in the severity of a current problem; and/or
* Family/ carers circumstances change suddenly impacting on patient care.

CODE 3   DeterioratingThe care plan is addressing anticipated needs but requires periodic review because* Patients overall functional status is declining and
* Patient experiences a gradual worsening of existing problemand/or
* Patient experiences a new but anticipated problem and/or
* Family/carers experience gradual worsening distress that impacts on the patient care.

CODE 4   TerminalDeath is likely within days.CODE 9   Not reportedThe phase of the illness has not been reported.Palliative care phases are not sequential and a patient may move back and forth between phases. Palliative care phases provide a clinical indication of the type of care required and have been shown to correlate strongly with survival within longitudinal prospective studies. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Origin: | Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration 2014. Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration Clinical Manual. Australian Health Services Research Institute, University of Wollongong, Sydney. Viewed 19 May 2016, [http://ahsri.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/@web/@chsd/@pcoc/documents/doc/uow129133.pdf](http://ahsri.uow.edu.au/content/groups/public/%40web/%40chsd/%40pcoc/documents/doc/uow129133.pdf)  |

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