Palliative care phase code N

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 639015 |
| Registration status: | [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 03/11/2016 |
| 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   Stable  Patient 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   Unstable  An 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   Deteriorating  The 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   Terminal  Death is likely within days.  CODE 9   Not reported  The 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/@web/@chsd/@pcoc/documents/doc/uow129133.pdf) |

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| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Palliative care phase code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/445936)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 11/04/2014  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Superseded 03/11/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 19/05/2020  Has been superseded by [Palliative care phase code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/681032)  [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 25/01/2018  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 18/01/2018  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 19/05/2020 |
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