

# Palliative care phase code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	681032
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</a> , Standard 18/01/2018 <a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 25/01/2018 <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a> , Standard 19/05/2020 <a href="#">Aged Care</a> , Standard 30/06/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	A code set representing palliative care phases.

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N[N]
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Stable
	2	Unstable
	3	Deteriorating
	4	Terminal
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	97	Not applicable
	98	Unknown/unable to be determined
	99	Not stated/inadequately described

## 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 an 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:

- the patient experiences a new problem that was not anticipated in the existing plan of care, and/or
- the patient experiences a rapid increase in the severity of a current problem; and/or
- the family/ carers circumstances change suddenly impacting on patient care.

**CODE 3 Deteriorating**

The care plan is addressing anticipated needs but requires periodic review because:

- the patient's overall functional status is declining and
- the patient experiences a gradual worsening of an existing problem and/or
- the patient experiences a new but anticipated problem and/or
- the family/carers experience gradual worsening distress that impacts on the patient care.

**CODE 4 Terminal**

Death is likely within days.

**CODE 97 Not applicable**

This code is used where the assessment does not include palliative care phase or it is not required in relation to the aged care episode.

**CODE 98 Unknown/unable to be determined**

This code applies when 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.

**CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described**

This code applies where the setting is not stated or inadequately described. This code is not to be used on primary collection forms.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health and Aged Care

**Origin:** Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration 2014. Palliative care outcomes collaboration: Clinical manual. Wollongong: University of Wollongong.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Supersedes [Palliative care phase code N](#)  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 03/11/2016

**Data elements  
implementing this value  
domain:**

[Aged care assessment—palliative care phase, code N](#)

[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023

[Episode of admitted patient care—palliative care phase, code N](#)

[Health](#), Standard 25/01/2018

[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Standard 01/01/2018

[Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 19/05/2020