

Palliative care phase code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[N]
Maximum character length:	2

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Stable
	2	Unstable
	3	Deteriorating
	4	Terminal
Supplementary values:	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