Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code (AR-DRG v 9.0) NN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Major diagnostic category |
| METEOR identifier: | 690019 |
| Registration status: | [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 19/06/2020 |
| Definition: | The category into which the patient's diagnosis and the associated Australian refined diagnosis related group (ARDG) falls, as represented by a code. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269575) |
| METEOR identifier: | 269575 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 01/03/2005  [National Health Performance Authority (retired)](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/8), Retired 01/07/2016  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 07/09/2016 |
| Definition: | Major diagnostic categories (MDCs) are 23 mutually exclusive categories into which all possible principal diagnoses fall. The diagnoses in each category correspond to a single body system or aetiology, broadly reflecting the speciality providing care. Each category is partitioned according to whether or not a surgical procedure was performed. This preliminary partitioning into major diagnostic categories occurs before a diagnosis related group is assigned.  The Australian refined diagnosis related groups (AR-DRGs) departs from the use of principal diagnosis as the initial variable in the assignment of some groups. A hierarchy of all exceptions to the principal diagnosis-based assignment to a MDC has been created. As a consequence, certain AR-DRGs are not unique to a MDC. This requires both a MDC and an AR-DRG to be generated per patient. |
| Context: | All admitted patient care contexts:  The generation of a major diagnostic category to accompany each AR-DRG is a requirement of the latter as diagnosis related groups are not unique. |
| Object class: | [Episode of admitted patient care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/268956) |
| Property: | [Major diagnostic category](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269328) |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Major diagnostic category code (AR-DRG v 9.0) NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689955) |
| METEOR identifier: | 689955 |
| Registration status: | [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 19/06/2020 |
| Definition: | The AR-DRG (version 9.0) code set representing acute admitted patient episodes in public and private hospitals. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups version 9.0](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689943) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | NN | |
| Maximum character length: | 2 | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Comments: | This metadata item has been created to reflect the development of Australian refined diagnosis related groups (AR-DRGs) (as defined in the metadata item Episode of admitted patient care—diagnosis related group, code (AR-DRG v 8.0) ANNA) by the Commonwealth Department of Health. Due to the modifications in the diagnosis related group logic for the AR-DRGs, it is necessary to generate the major diagnostic category to accompany each diagnosis related group. The construction of the pre-major diagnostic category logic means diagnosis related groups are no longer unique. Certain pre-major diagnostic category diagnosis related groups may occur in more than one of the 23 major diagnostic categories. |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Supersedes [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code (AR-DRG v 8.0) NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/653337)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 12/01/2018  Has been superseded by [Episode of admitted patient care—major diagnostic category, code (AR-DRG v 10.0) NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/729924)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 18/10/2023  Is formed using [Episode of admitted patient care—diagnosis related group, code (AR-DRG v 9.0) ANNA](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689947)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 19/06/2020  See also [Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups version 10.0](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/729904)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 19/06/2020  See also [Australian Refined Diagnosis Related Groups version 9.0](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689943)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 19/06/2020 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2018](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/689879)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 12/04/2019  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2018 ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2019  [Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2019](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/715026)  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Superseded 17/06/2020  ***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2019  ***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2020 |