

# Episode of admitted patient care—procedure, code (ACHI 11th edn) NNNNN-NN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Procedure
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	699716
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Health</a>, Superseded 20/10/2021</li><li>• <a href="#">Tasmanian Health</a>, Standard 08/04/2019</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	A <a href="#">clinical intervention</a> represented by a code that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• is surgical in nature, and/or</li><li>• carries a procedural risk, and/or</li><li>• carries an anaesthetic risk, and/or</li><li>• requires specialised training, and/or</li><li>• requires special facilities or equipment only available in an acute care setting.</li></ul>
<b>Context:</b>	This metadata item gives an indication of the extent to which specialised resources, for example, human resources, theatres and equipment, are used. It also provides an estimate of the numbers of surgical operations performed and the extent to which particular procedures are used to resolve medical problems. It is used for classification of episodes of acute care for admitted patients into Australian refined diagnosis related groups.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Episode of admitted patient care—procedure</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 11th edition</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	NNNNN-NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	8

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Collection methods:</b>	Record and code all procedures undertaken during the episode of care in accordance with the ACHI (11th edition). Procedures are derived from and must be substantiated by clinical documentation.
<b>Comments:</b>	The Independent Hospital Pricing Authority advises the National Health Data Information and Statistics Committee of relevant changes to the ACHI.

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
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**Origin:** Australian Consortium for Classification Development  
National Health Information Standards and Statistics Committee

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Is used in the formation of [Episode of admitted patient care—diagnosis related group, code \(AR-DRG v 10.0\) ANNA](#)

- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 19/06/2020

Has been superseded by [Episode of admitted patient care—intervention, code \(ACHI 12th edn\) NNNNN-NN](#)

- [Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

Supersedes [Episode of admitted patient care—procedure, code \(ACHI 10th edn\) NNNNN-NN](#)

- [ACT Health \(retired\)](#), Candidate 09/08/2018
- [Health](#), Superseded 12/12/2018
- [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Candidate 04/08/2016
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded 08/04/2019

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Admitted patient care clinical related data elements \(TDLU\) cluster Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 18/05/2021

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2019-20Health](#), Superseded 18/12/2019

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020

**DSS specific information:**

As a minimum requirement procedure codes must be valid codes from the Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) procedure codes and validated against the nationally agreed age and sex edits. More extensive edit checking of codes may be utilised within individual hospitals and state and territory information systems.

An unlimited number of diagnosis and procedure codes should be able to be collected in hospital morbidity systems. Where this is not possible, a minimum of 20 codes should be able to be collected.

Record all procedures undertaken during an episode of care in accordance with the ACHI (11th edition) Australian Coding Standards.

The order of codes should be determined using the following hierarchy:

- procedure performed for treatment of the principal diagnosis
- procedure performed for the treatment of an additional diagnosis
- diagnostic/exploratory procedure related to the principal diagnosis
- diagnostic/exploratory procedure related to an additional diagnosis for the episode of care.

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2020–21Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2021–22Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021

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**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[National Healthcare Agreement: PB f–By 2014–15, improve the provision of primary care and reduce the proportion of potentially preventable hospital admissions by 7.6 per cent over the 2006-07 baseline to 8.5 per cent of total hospital admissions, 2022Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

[Tasmanian Admitted Patient Data Set - 2019 Tasmanian Health](#), Superseded [National Healthcare Agreement: PI 18–Selected potentially preventable hospitalisations, 2022Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019  
[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 23–Unplanned hospital readmission rates, 2022Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

**Used as Denominator**

[National Healthcare Agreement Data Set – 2020 Tasmanian Health Standards, 2021/2020](#), Standard 24/09/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021