

Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 2016 version) ANN{.N}

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Underlying cause of death
Synonymous names:	UCOD code
METEOR identifier:	719784
Registration status:	Health , Standard 16/01/2020
Definition:	The disease or injury which initiated the train of morbid events leading directly to a person's death or the circumstances of the accident or violence which produced the fatal injury, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Person—underlying cause of death
Value Domain:	Underlying cause of death code (ICD-10 2016 version) ANN{.N}

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, Tenth Revision (2016 version)
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	ANN{.N}
Maximum character length:	4

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	Underlying cause of death is central to mortality coding and comparable international mortality reporting.
Comments:	The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) codes and classifies the underlying cause of death (UCOD) according to the rules and guidelines for mortality coding adopted by the World Health Assembly and set out in the World Health Organization's International Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (ICD). The ABS uses Iris to process and code cause-of-death information reported on death certificates.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS)
Origin:	ABS (Australian Bureau of Statistics) 2008. Information Paper: Cause of death certification. Catalogue no. 1205.0.55.001. ABS, Canberra. Viewed 31 July 2019, https://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/475BC02643DB45EDCA25750B000E38A4/\$File/1205055001_2008.pdf WHO (World Health Organization) 2016. The International statistical classification of diseases and related health problems, Tenth revision (2016 version). WHO, Geneva. Viewed 19th July 2019, https://icd.who.int/browse10/2016/en/#/
Reference documents:	ABS 2008. Information Paper: Cause of death certification. Catalogue no. 1205.0.55.001. ABS, Canberra. Viewed 31 July 2019, https://www.ausstats.abs.gov.au/ausstats/subscriber.nsf/0/475BC02643DB45EDCA25750B000E38A4/\$File/1205055001_2008.pdf WHO 2016. The International statistical classification of diseases and related health problems, Tenth revision (2016 version). WHO, Geneva. Viewed 19th July 2019, https://icd.who.int/browse10/2016/en/#/

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Supersedes Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 2nd edn) ANN-ANN Health , Superseded 16/01/2020 Supersedes Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 Fifth Edition) ANN-ANN Health , Qualified 03/08/2023
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Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2020–21](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 05/02/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2020

Implementation end date: 30/06/2021

Conditional obligation:

Only to be answered if the person has died.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2021–22](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 17/12/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2021

Implementation end date: 30/06/2022

Conditional obligation:

Only to be answered if the person has died.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2022–23](#)

[Health](#), Superseded 09/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

Only to be answered if the person has died.

[National Bowel Cancer Screening Program NBEDS 2023–24](#)

[Health](#), Standard 09/12/2022

Implementation start date: 01/07/2023

Implementation end date: 30/06/2024

Conditional obligation:

Only to be answered if the person has died.

Implementation in Indicators:

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI08–Major causes of death, 2020](#)

[Health](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI08–Major causes of death, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Standard 03/07/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI08–Major causes of death, 2022](#)

[Health](#), Standard 24/09/2021

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 16–Potentially avoidable deaths, 2020](#)

[Health](#), Standard 13/03/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 16–Potentially avoidable deaths, 2021](#)

[Health](#), Standard 03/07/2020

[National Healthcare Agreement: PI 16–Potentially avoidable deaths, 2022](#)

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