

Episode of admitted patient care—intervention, code (ACHI 12th edn) NNNNN-NN

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Intervention
Synonymous names:	Clinical intervention; Procedure; Surgical operation
METEOR identifier:	746669
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health, Standard 20/10/2021
Definition:	A clinical intervention represented by a code that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• is surgical in nature, and/or• carries a procedural risk, and/or• carries an anaesthetic risk, and/or• requires specialised training, and/or• requires special facilities or equipment only available in an admitted patient care setting.
Data Element Concept:	Episode of admitted patient care—intervention

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Classification of Health Interventions (ACHI) 12th edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	NNNNN-NN
Maximum character length:	8

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Collection methods:	Interventions are classified from, and must be substantiated by, clinical documentation.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority
Origin:	Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

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

- [Health](#), Superseded 20/10/2021
- [Tasmanian Health](#), Standard 08/04/2019

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Admitted patient care NMDS 2022–23Health](#), Standard 20/10/2021

Implementation start date: 01/07/2022

Implementation end date: 30/06/2023

Conditional obligation:

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[Admitted patient care NMDS 2023–24Health](#), Recorded 11/08/2022

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