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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
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| Short name: | 4a - Evidence of a locally approved policy that defines the process for managing admitted patients identified as being at increased risk of opioid-related harm who are prescribed an opioid analgesic |
| METEOR identifier: | 755556 |
| Registration status: | [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2022 |
| Description: | Evidence of a locally approved policy that defines the process for managing admitted patients identified as being at increased risk of opioid-related harm who are prescribed an opioid analgesic. |
| Rationale: | Patients presenting with acute pain who are prescribed an opioid analgesic should have access to a pathway of care to mitigate the risk of opioid-related harm, if required. This includes referral to appropriate support services and escalation of care to specialist services. |
| Indicator set: | [Clinical care standard indicators: Opioid Analgesic Stewardship in Acute Pain - Acute care edition](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/755544)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2022 |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Computation description: | The policy should specify:   * Process for identifying patients who may be at risk of opioid-related harm * Local pathways for managing patients identified at increased risk of opioid-related harm * Systems to inform patients why they are being referred to a pathway and the plan for their ongoing clinical management * Process for clinicians to refer patients to appropriate support services and escalate care to specialist services * Process to ensure clinicians are competent in the use of the policy, and * Process to assess adherence to the policy. |
| Computation: | Yes/No  A healthcare setting that has documented evidence of a locally approved policy that is implemented should record ‘Yes.’ Otherwise, the healthcare setting should record ‘No.’ |
| Representational attributes | |
| Representation class: | Count |
| Data type: | Real |
| Unit of measure: | Service event |
| Format: | Yes/No |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care |
| Reference documents: | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. Opioid Analgesic Stewardship in Acute Pain Clinical Care Standard – Acute care edition. Sydney: ACSQHC; 2022. |