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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Indicator
Indicator type:	Indicator
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, 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 Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 27/04/2022

Collection and usage attributes

Computation description:	The policy should specify: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <p>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.'</p>

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.