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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Indicator |
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| Short name: | 7a - Proportion of admitted patients who received opioid analgesics where the intended number of days of treatment was documented in their medical record |
| METEOR identifier: | 755568 |
| Registration status: | [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2022 |
| Description: | The proportion of patients who received opioid analgesics where the intended number of days of treatment was documented in their medical record. |
| Rationale: | Documentation of opioid analgesic therapy supports effective communication among clinicians and promotes patient understanding. When prescribing opioid analgesics, the indication, intended duration, the review and referral plan, and the weaning and cessation plan should be documented in the patient’s healthcare record.  The intended duration (number of days) of treatment provides an indication when to review opioid therapy and assess the appropriateness of the prescription. |
| 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 numerator and denominator include patients admitted to hospital and non-admitted patients treated in the emergency department.  Presented as a percentage. |
| Computation: | (Numerator ÷ Denominator) x 100​ |
| Numerator: | Number of patients in the denominator whose medical record documents the intended number of days of opioid treatment. |
| Denominator: | Number of patients who were initiated on an opioid analgesic while in hospital. |
| Representational attributes | |
| Representation class: | Percentage |
| Data type: | Real |
| Unit of measure: | Service event |
| Format: | N[NN] |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care |
| Origin: | Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. Opioid Analgesic Stewardship in Acute Pain Clinical Care Standard – Acute care edition. Sydney: ACSQHC; 2022. |