Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 Fifth Edition) ANN-ANN



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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Element

Short name: Underlying cause of death ICD-10 Fifth Edition

Synonymous names: UCOD code
METEOR identifier: 774678

Registration status: Health, Qualified 03/08/2023

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 Fifth Edition) ANN-ANN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme: International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems, 10th Revision, Fifth

Edition

Representation class: Code

Data type: String

Format: ANN-ANN

Maximum character length:

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 Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: ABS 2008. Information Paper: Cause of death certification. Catalogue no. 1205.0.55.001. ABS, Canberra. Viewed 29 March 2023,

Relational attributes

Related metadata

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Health, Qualified 03/08/2023

Has been superseded by Person—underlying cause of death, code (ICD-10 2016 version) ANN{.N}

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