

Aged care assessment—technical nursing care requirement type, code N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Aged care technical nursing requirement type
Synonymous names:	Australian National Aged Care Classification technical nursing requirement type; AN-ACC technical nursing requirement type
METEOR identifier:	775217
Registration status:	Aged Care , Standard 30/06/2023
Definition:	The type of professional nursing care identified in an aged care assessment as required in an aged care setting, as represented by a code.
Context:	Aged care.
Data Element Concept:	Aged care assessment—technical nursing care requirement type
Value Domain:	Aged care technical nursing care requirement type code N[N]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[N]	
Maximum character length:	2	
Permissible values:	Value	Meaning
	1	Transfers and locomotion
	2	Oxygen
	3	Use of respirator
	4	Enteral feeding
	5	Parenteral feeding
	6	Tracheostomy care
	7	Catheter care
	8	Stoma care
	9	Peritoneal dialysis
	10	Haemodialysis
	11	Hospital dialysis
	12	Daily injections
	13	Drip infusion in vein
	14	Complex wound management
	15	Pain
	16	Other
	17	None
Supplementary values:	97	Not applicable
	98	Unknown/unable to determine

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

CODE 1 Transfers and locomotion

This code is used where people require three or more people for transfers and locomotion due to weight.

CODE 2 Oxygen

This code is used where people require oxygen, such as monitoring usage and supply of oxygen and maintaining airways (suctioning).

CODE 3 Use of respirator

This code is used where people can no longer breathe on their own and require help with breathing (such as being on a mechanical ventilator).

CODE 4 Enteral feeding

This code is used where people require enteral feeding, such as care of the stoma for PEG tubes and J tubes; ensuring the feeding tube flows freely; monitoring of hydration and bowel movements

CODE 5 Parenteral feeding

This code is used where people require parenteral feeding, such as care for central venous catheters; and monitoring and assessing intake response.

CODE 6 Tracheostomy care

This code is used where people require tracheostomy care, such as care of the stoma, keeping it clean and removing discharge or mucous to reduce risk of infection; maintaining skin integrity around the stoma and under the tape; and ensuring the tube is correctly positioned and secured and free of obstruction.

CODE 7 Catheter care

This code is used where people require requiring catheter care such as ensuring urine is flowing freely (no kinks or blockages in tubing); maintaining catheter hygiene; changing the catheter; securing catheter to prevent pulling, breaking and blockage; and care of the stoma for suprapubic catheters.

CODE 8 Stoma care

This code is used where people require stoma care such as checking and maintaining skin integrity around the stoma; keeping the stoma area clean and dry; and ensuring that the appropriate sized bag has been fitted to reduce the risk of leakage and skin integrity issues

CODE 9 Peritoneal dialysis

This code is used where people require care relating to peritoneal dialysis in the home, such as taking regular observations (temperature, pulse, blood pressure); measuring weight and girth daily; monitoring hydration and nutritional intake and urinary output; and undertaking daily urinalysis. This code is not used where people require centre- or hospital-based peritoneal dialysis.

CODE 10 Haemodialysis

This code is used where people require care relating to haemodialysis in the home. This code is not used where people require centre- or hospital-based haemodialysis.

CODE 11 Hospital dialysis

This code is used where people require care relating to centre- or hospital-based dialysis services (such as renal units). This can include either peritoneal dialysis or

haemodialysis.

CODE 12 Daily injections

This code is used where people require daily injections such as those that (depending on medication) require one or two staff to check medication and oversee administration; monitor injection site/s and re-site if appropriate; and monitor the resident to detect any adverse reactions.

CODE 13 Drip infusion in vein

This code is used where people require care relating to intravenous therapy administering fluid, medication or nutrients in vein.

CODE 14 Complex wound management

This code is used where people require complex wound management such as management of a wound/s that is/are slow to heal due to exudate, comorbidities, infection or polypharmacy; provision of frequent wound care and additional monitoring of skin integrity for complex wounds; use of protective dressings and frames to promote healing; and ensuring nutrition levels are maintained to promote skin health.

CODE 15 Pain

This code is used where people require care relating to assessing or managing pain.

CODE 16 Other

This code is used where people have requirements not specified above.

CODE 17 None

This code is used where people have none of the above requirements.

CODE 97 Not applicable

This code is used where the assessment did not include assessment of technical nursing care requirements.

CODE 98 Unknown/Unable to be determined

This code is used where the assessor was unable to determine the technical nursing care requirements for the person.

CODE 99 Not stated/inadequately described

This code is not to be used on primary collection forms.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health and Aged Care

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:

More than one code can be recorded.

Eight complex nursing requirements have been addressed within the AN-ACC Assessment Tool due to their impact on cost of care. These are for medical conditions that would usually be undertaken by staff with nursing training. The complex nursing requirements are: need for oxygen; enteral feeding; tracheostomy, catheter and stoma care; peritoneal dialysis; daily injections; and, complex wound management. In some circumstances, personal care workers will undertake these tasks under the guidance of trained nursing staff and/or following a prescribed protocol. If this is the case, please include all that apply to the resident. However, do not include if only required by the resident occasionally. Include only if the resident requires the technical nursing case on a regular basis, i.e. most days.

An additional question is included regarding transfers and locomotion to address costs associated with bariatric residents.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health and Aged Care

Origin: [AN-ACC resources | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#).
Viewed 9 January 2023, <https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/an-acc-resources>

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Aged care assessment cluster](#)
[Aged Care](#), Standard 30/06/2023

DSS specific information:

In the Aged care assessment cluster, this data element collects information on the type of professional nursing care identified as being required for a person during an aged care assessment.