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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Aged care assessment palliative care phase |
| METEOR identifier: | 775226 |
| Registration status: | [Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023 |
| Definition: | The phase of palliative care recorded at the commencement of the aged care episode or during an aged care assessment, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Aged care assessment—palliative care phase](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/774832) |
| Value Domain: | [Palliative care phase code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/681032) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N[N] |
| Maximum character length: | 2 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | Stable |
|   | 2 | Unstable |
|   | 3 | Deteriorating |
|   | 4 | Terminal |
| Supplementary values: | 97 | Not applicable |
|   | 98 | Unknown/unable to be determined |
|   | 99  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | The palliative care phase is the stage of the palliative care patient’s illness.CODE 1   StablePatient problems and symptoms are adequately controlled by an established plan of care and:* further interventions to maintain symptom control and quality of life have been planned and
* family/carer situation is relatively stable and no new issues are apparent.

CODE 2   UnstableAn urgent change in the plan of emergency treatment is required because:* the patient experiences a new problem that was not anticipated in the existing plan of care, and/or
* the patient experiences a rapid increase in the severity of a current problem; and/or
* the family/ carers circumstances change suddenly impacting on patient care.

CODE 3   DeterioratingThe care plan is addressing anticipated needs but requires periodic review because:* the patient's overall functional status is declining and
* the patient experiences a gradual worsening of an existing problemand/or
* the patient experiences a new but anticipated problem and/or
* the family/carers experience gradual worsening distress that impacts on the patient care.

CODE 4   TerminalDeath is likely within days.CODE 97   Not applicableThis code is used where the assessment does not include palliative care phase or it is not required in relation to the aged care episode. CODE 98   Unknown/unable to be determinedThis code applies when the phase of the illness has not been reportedPalliative care phases are not sequential and a patient may move back and forth between phases.CODE 99   Not stated/inadequately describedThis code applies where the setting is not stated or inadequately described. This code is not to be used on primary collection forms. |

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| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health and Aged Care |
| Origin: | Palliative Care Outcomes Collaboration 2014. Palliative care outcomes collaboration: Clinical manual. Wollongong: University of Wollongong.   |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | The phase of palliative care is to be recorded for each residential aged care episode a person receives. Palliative care phases are not necessarily sequential and a patient may transit back and forth between phases. Palliative care phases provide a clinical indication of the type of care required and have been shown to correlate strongly with survival within longitudinal prospective studies.   |
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| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health and Aged Care |
| Reference documents: | [AN-ACC resources | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](https://www.health.gov.au/resources/collections/an-acc-resources). 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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/777819)[Aged Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/19), Standard 30/06/2023***Conditional obligation:*** For the Aged Care NMDS, this data element is conditional on code 4 being selected for [Aged care assessment—assessment type, code N[N]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775224). |